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COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Tenuous Position

A NEWS agency report describes the situation in South Vietnam at this moment as being "explosive." In fact it has been just this for some time past. Not so clear are the new factors in the situation.

When Premier Diem's National Army drove the Hoa Hao and Binh Xuyen irregulars out of Saigon, the opinion was firmly expressed in official Washington circles that the man whom the United States had decided to back, economically and politically, had proved he was strong enough to lead South Vietnam into a state of unity.

Undoubtedly Diem's spectacular military success provided a strong weapon for American persuasion in the tricky Paris negotiations with the French aimed at composing Franco-US differences on the question of the best and most profitable way of bringing order out of chaos in South Vietnam.

Nevertheless progress towards that desirable objective cannot be rated high. In the military area, Mr Diem has subdued, pro tem, the secular rebels, but he has far from eliminated them. He has failed to consolidate his victory by arms in Saigon, and it is idle and misleading for anyone to suggest that he has rendered the Hoa Hao and Binh Xuyen powerless.

GRANTING, however, that the National Army can continue to restrain and thwart question mark remains the political stability of Premier Diem. Obviously keeping in the background is the so-called South Vietnam Revolutionary Committee, whose influence on the Premier and hold on the country's embryonic Civil Service remain unknown, or at least unpublished factors.

The Committee are reported to have suddenly shown their hand by ordering the arrest of former Premier Tran Van Huu. Yet to be disclosed is whether this was done with the knowledge or the approval of Mr Diem.

When the junta was first announced, doubts were expressed in Washington about its composition, the fear being expressed that some of the members of the Committee might be Communist infiltrators. Mr Diem himself disowned the junta which he held had been created without authority and had nothing to do with his government. Nevertheless, the disconcerting sign is that the Committee are in a position to wield more power than would normally be expected from a discredited junta.

The sincerity of the Eisenhower administration in its reiteration of continued support for Diem is not to be doubted, but even the most ardent supporter of the Vietnam Premier must feel some qualms about the tenuous position he occupies, and wonders whether he is really capable of unifying the country. The prospects are not encouraging.

Report On Red China

Tomorrow, the China Mail publishes an important article on Communist China by Herr Walter Bosshard of the Neue Zuercher Zeitung who recently visited Peking.

The subject will be "Stern Discipline in Communist China." This is only one of the many outstanding features appearing in this week's Saturday Mail.

Watch out also for these—

- ★ Chapman Fischer's advice to women contemplating marriage: "Marry a man five years your younger."
- ★ Are IQ tests wrong and are they a danger to your child? An expert examines this question.
- ★ Sir Beverley Baxter reports on a strange London club called "The Saints and Sinners."
- ★ Dorothy Dandridge, the baby volcano star of "Carmen Jones," gives a special interview to our reporter in New York. She says: "All women have a bit of Carmen in them."

These are just some of the highlights of tomorrow's China Mail. Jane Roberts writes about films current and coming; there are three pages of local and overseas pictures, another short story, women's news, local and overseas sports reviews and features galore including all your regular favourites in the big 20-page Saturday Mail.

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Constituency Results
In Detail

The following detailed results of some of the constituencies in the general election have been received from Reuter.

London, May 26.

Here are some constituency results already announced:

Major W. Hicks (Cons) 24,259; Mr J. Finnegan (Lab) 15,538. No change.

Salford West

Mr Royle (Lab) 23,412; Mr Donald Moore (Cons) 21,554. Labour's 1951 majority cut by about 3,000 votes.

No change. Salford East

Mr Frank Allous (Lab) 20,351; Mr J. Whiteley (Cons) 18,622. Labour majority cut from 6,778 in 1951 to 1,729.

Rosebush

Mr A. W. J. Greenwood (Lab) 23,472; J. E. Parkinson (Cons) 20,561. Labour majority, 2,911. No change.

Elton & Slough

A. Fenner Brockway (Lab) 25,567; J. Grant (Cons) 18,324. Labour majority, 2,443. No change.

Chisleham

Major W. W. Hicks-Beach (Cons) 24,259; Mr J. Finnegan (Lab) 15,538. Conservative majority 7,621. No change.

Butterley

Mr R. F. S. Body (Cons) 24,327; Mr B. R. Clapham (Lab) 20,121. Conservative majority, 4,206. No change.

Sutton & Charn

Mr Richard Staples (Cons) 23,438; Mr R. M. Lewis (Lab) 15,235. Conservative majority 14,203. No change.

Warrington (Altered Division)

Dr Edith Summerskill (Lab) 22,721; Mr H. H. Davies (Cons) 17,075. Labour majority, 5,646. No change.

Wakefield, Altered Division

A. Creech Jones (Lab), 28,180; D. Hinchcliffe (Cons), 18,718. Labour majority: 9,462. No change.

Sunderland South

Paul Williams (Cons), 24,727; E. Armstrong (Lab), 22,945. Conservative majority: 1,782. No change.

Enfield West

Ian Macleod (Cons), 22,021; W. A. Court (Lab), 10,503. Conservative majority: 11,518. No change. (Mr Ian Macleod is Minister of Health.)

South Shields

J. Chuter Ede (Lab), 31,754; J. Chalmers (Cons), 21,452. Labour majority: 10,302. No change. (Mr Chuter Ede was Home Secretary in the last Labour Government.)

Reigate and Banstead

A. G. Bottomley (Lab), 26,645; J. D. Campbell (Cons), 24,306. Labour majority: 2,339. No change.

Luton

Dr Charles Hill (Lab), 24,722; Miss Jean Henderson (Lab), 21,410. Conservative majority: 3,312. No change.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne North

Major Gwilym Lloyd George (Lab), 22,222; E. Chisholm (Lab), 18,324. Conservative majority: 10,323. No change. (Conservative majority up by 4,000.)

Major Lloyd George is Home Secretary.

Woodford

Sir Winston Churchill (Cons), 25,083; A. K. M. Milner (Lab) 9,261. Conservative majority: 15,822. No change.

Edw Vale (Monmouthshire)

Aneurin Bevan (Lab), 26,653; J. Z. Bowen (Lab), 6,822. Labour majority: 19,236. No change.

Bristol West (Altered Division)

Sir Walter Monckton (Cons), 32,107; W. H. Johnson (Lab), 10,760. Conservative majority: 21,347. No change.

Levensham South

Herbert Morrison (Lab), 23,821; J. Auld (Lab), 17,478; J. Lovell (Lab), 1,430. Labour majority: 6,343. No change.

Mr Morrison is Deputy Leader of the Labour Party and former Foreign Secretary.

Glasgow (Altered Division)

Gavan Rankin (Lab), 24,818; A. Hutton (Cons), 15,219. Labour majority: 9,599. Labour gain.

Stretford

Duncan Sandys (Conservative), 23,821; R. E. Prentice (Labour), 13,244. Conservative majority: 10,577. (No change.)

Ealing North

John W. Birtles (Conservative), 22,040; J. Hutton (Labour), 22,794; Dr A. E. Bender (Labour), 3,770. Conservative majority: 240.

Conservative gain from Labour.

Labour had a majority of 120 in this constituency at the 1951 election.

Huddersfield East (Altered Seat)

J. P. W. Maughan (Labour), 22,633; D. Cunn (Conservative), 18,011. Labour majority: 4,622. (No change.)

Walthamstow West

C. R. Atlee (Labour), 19,327; R. P. Hornby (Conservative), 10,077. Labour majority: 9,250. (No change.)

Mr Clement Atlee, Labour Party leader, was comfortably but with his majority approximately 2,000 lower than the 1951 election. It was then 11,251.

Conservatives Certain Of
A Substantial Majority
NET GAIN OF 16 SEATS SO FAR:
WIN MARGINAL DIVISIONS

LONDON, MAY 27.

THE CONSERVATIVES ARE ASSURED OF RE-ELECTION AS THE GOVERNING PARTY OF BRITAIN WITH A SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED MAJORITY WHICH MAY WELL EXCEED 100 SEATS IN THE NEW HOUSE OF COMMONS.

With more than half the votes counted at 11 a.m. Hongkong Time today, Mr Morgan Phillips, Secretary of the Labour Party admitted defeat. "It is clear now," he said, "from the total votes cast that we shall not reach the total of 14 million which I regard as essential for our victory."

Apart from the lack of total votes, the Socialists were also confronted with heavy reverses in the industrial areas of Britain which included several marginal seats.

When counting ended for the night, with 267 of the total 630 results declared, the Conservatives had registered a net gain of 16, the Socialists a net loss of 14, and the Irish Labour a net loss of one.

The state of parties then was:

Labour	179
Conservatives	176
Liberals	2
Others	Nil

The Tories, certain of triumph, toasted their election gains over the Socialists in rousing celebrations that brightened the world's biggest city until dawn. Bugles blasted cheering crowds massed in rain-swept Piccadilly and Trafalgar Square to watch the flashes of election returns.

Jubilant Conservatives thumped bass drums in the London streets, while champagne corks popped at private parties in West End hotels and clubs.

At Labour Party headquarters there was much gloom. The early results indicated a definite swing towards the right, and as the Socialists lost one key seat after another during the night's counting, they realised there was no chance of them defeating the Tories.

Mr Attlee appeared flustered when he arrived at Labour Party headquarters after winning his own seat with a majority that fell below the 1951 election.

The former Prime Minister shouldered his way through waiting newsmen and declined to comment on the results.

It has been a bad election so far for the Liberals, Independents and Communists. In the first two results declared in which Independents were contesting, both lost their deposits. They were Eric Shaffer at Rugby and North Finner at Battersea.

Both candidates fought the election on a "Do not make the H-bomb" platform.

John Loverseed, another "H-bomb candidate" standing as an Independent, lost his deposit in a fight against Herbert Morrison.

With the first 300 results counted, no less than 40 Liberals had forfeited their deposits, while all 13 Communists lost their deposits.

The first of two Liberal successes was at Bolton West, where Arthur Holt held the seat against a Labour opponent with his majority halved.

Sir Richard Acland was "at the bottom of the poll with 6,514 votes in Gravesend which he represented in the last parliament."

He resigned from the Labour Party to fight the election as an Independent "Ban the H-bomb" candidate.

Peter Kirk, a journalist, won for the Conservatives 22,058 votes, a majority of 2,908. Victor Mischon, Labour Chairman of the LCC, was second.

This was one of the important Conservative gains.

Typical of how vital seats were emphasized in the Conservative tide was Preston, South where a Labour majority of 16—the lowest margin of all in 1951—was changed to a Conservative majority of 474.

Calling
Off Dock
Strike

London, May 26.

Leaders of more than 19,000 dock workers on strike in six British ports were reported to night to have decided to end the stoppage.

The leaders of the striking dockers were expected tonight to summon meetings of their followers in the ports of London, Manchester, Hull, Liverpool, Birkenhead and Garston tomorrow (Friday) to recommend a return.

The strike leaders, members of the National Amalgamated Stevedores and Dockers Union, at the end of a four-hour meeting said they had agreed to "make recommendations to our members at mass meetings, which are to be convened."

The Union chiefs did not disclose the nature of the recommendations, but it was later understood to involve a complete "back to work" call.

The NASD launched the strike last Monday morning in support of a claim for full recognition throughout the country on committees of employers and full negotiating powers for wages and conditions.—Reuter.

BOY ATTACKS
FATHER

Bristol, May 26.

An eight-year-old boy attacked his six-foot tall father so severely that neighbours twice sent for the police, the man alleged here yesterday.

He told a juvenile court that the boy was beyond parental control.

"I cannot do anything with him," he said. "He has hit me so much, sometimes with a hammer, that I have had to see a doctor."

The mother said: "He wants to play with us all the time. It wears us out and then he gets fierce."—China Mail Special.

Students Stage
Big Strike

Santiago, May 26.

Some 100,000 students staged a nationwide strike here today to protest against the Government's refusal to grant political asylum to 13 Peruvian students who had been expelled from Argentina.

Bands of student demonstrators milled in the downtown area calling for the ousting of the Under-Secretary of the Interior, Carlos Ferrer.

The students believed that Senator Ferrer had ordered the Peruvian students to be escorted to the Peruvian border when they stopped over here, after being expelled from Argentina.—France-Press.

Wins On An
Enosis Issue

London, May 26.

In the one constituency in the whole of Britain in which a colonial issue was raised—in Highbury, and St Pancras (London)—the Socialist candidate, Mrs Lena Jager won the seat with only a 551 majority—over 1,000 less than her previous majority.

Mrs Jager had campaigned on the Enosis issue—the union of Cyprus with Greece—in a constituency containing around 3,000 Cypriots.

The defeated Conservative candidate, Mr William Donovan accused her of using "pressure group" tactics in introducing this issue.—London Express Service.

TIME BOMB
CAUSED PLANE
DISASTER

Indonesia Government
Inquiry Findings

New Delhi, May 27.

A time bomb caused the crash of an Air India Constellation off Sarawak on April 11 with Chinese Communist officials on board, an Indonesian government inquiry announced.

The announcement by the Indonesian government inquiry was made public here today.

The Constellation, the Kashmir Princess, crashed on April 11 while carrying minor Chinese Communist officials to the Afro-Asian Conference at Bandung.

Fifteen people were killed when it came down in Indonesian waters in the South China Sea.

Communist China claimed that sabotage caused the crash, saying that Britain was partly responsible since the airliner's last call was at Hongkong. Britain denied the charge.

The Indonesian announcement said: "An inspection of the wreckage revealed positive evidence of an explosion in the starboard wing well of timed internal machine, parts of which were still trapped in the wreckage."

"The explosion caused the bursting of number three fuel tank and a fire which spread rapidly."

The announcement said: "A summary of the report of the Committee of Enquiry appointed by the Indonesian Government to investigate the crash of the Air India International Constellation, Kashmir Princess, has been officially released in Djakarta today. The text of the summary is as follows:

THE FINDINGS

"The Indonesian committee investigating the accident to the Air India International Constellation aircraft, Kashmir Princess, which crashed in the South China Sea near the Great Natuna Islands on April 11, 1955, while carrying Chinese and Vietnamese delegates to the Bandung conference, has submitted its report. The findings of the committee are as follows:

1. The aircraft was airworthy and properly certified.
2. The crew was experienced and held valid licences.
3. The aircraft was properly loaded and had sufficient fuel for the journey.
4. The take off from Hongkong was normal and the flight uneventful for the first five hours.
5. The explosion occurred on board the aircraft when cruising at 18,000 feet over the sea. Fire broke out in the

POSITIVE EVIDENCE

"6. Rapid descent for ditching was immediately commenced, and emergency procedures were carried out efficiently and calmly by crew members under extremely difficult conditions.

"7. The aircraft hit the water with the starboard wing tip while under partial loss of control and broke up on impact."

Hongkong Government statement — P2

"The aircraft took off from Hongkong under the command of Captain Jatar. The aircraft was fully airworthy and carried sufficient fuel for flight. Routine messages were exchanged by the aircraft with ground stations and the flight was entirely without incident until approximately five hours later when the aircraft was cruising at 18,000 feet over the sea.

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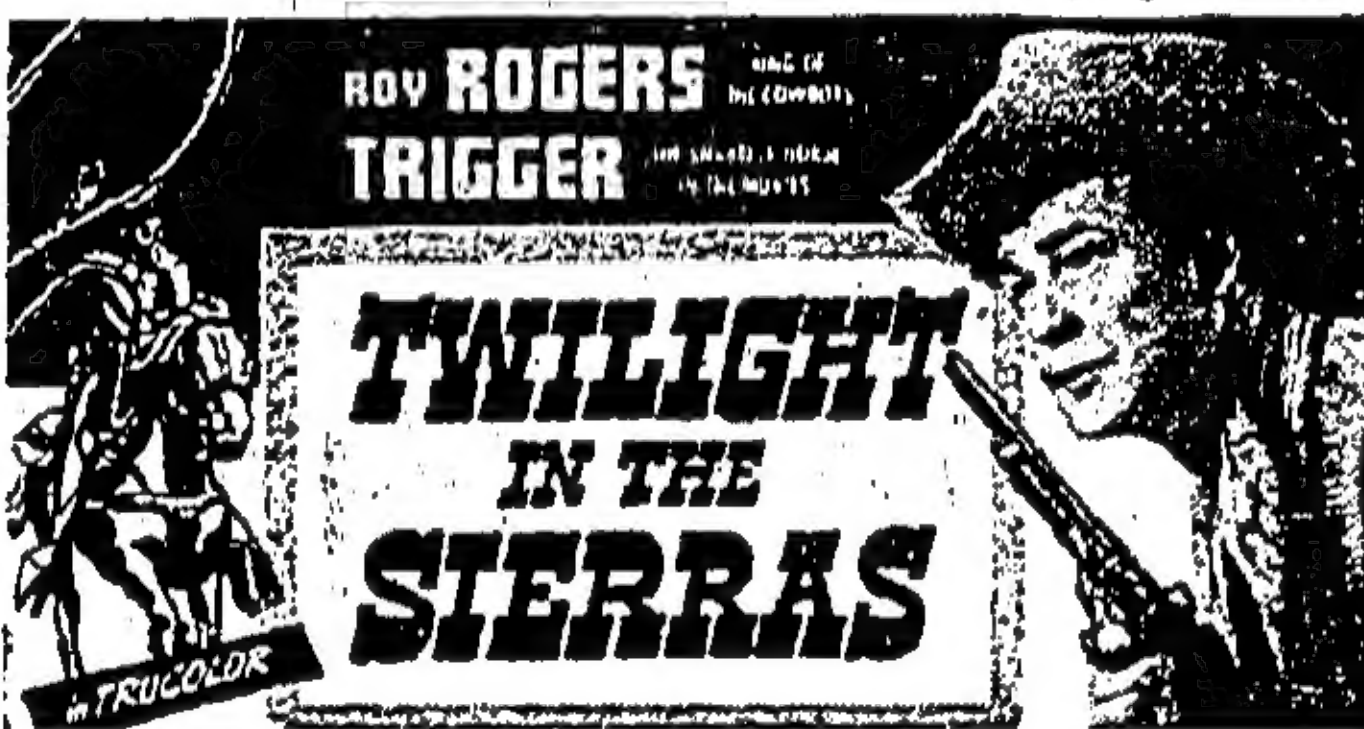


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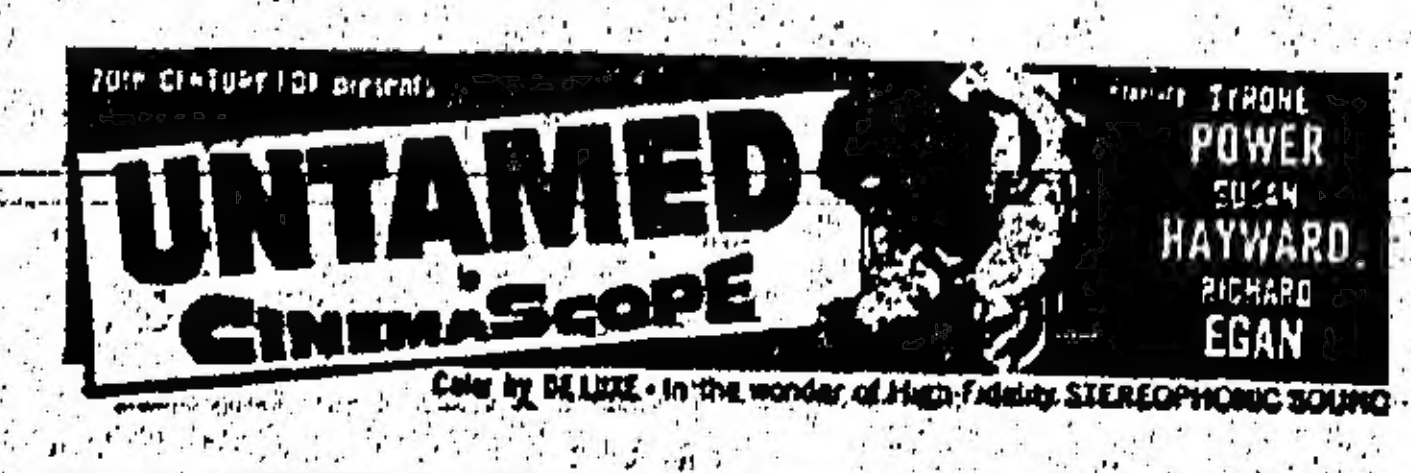


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KRUSHCHEV CLAIM AT BELGRADE AIRPORT

BERIA WAS TO BLAME! Russians Apologise To Tito For 1948 Diplomatic Break

Belgrade, May 26.

Top Soviet leaders told President Tito of Yugoslavia today they "sincerely regretted" the 1948 break between Belgrade and Moscow, which they said, was caused by Lavrenti Beria, head of secret police, who was executed in December, 1953.

The dramatic statement was made by Mr. Nikita Krushchev, First Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party, when he arrived at Zemun airport near here on an official visit after years of estrangement between the two countries.

Mr. Krushchev officially headed the Soviet delegation, which included Premier Nikolai Bulganin and First Vice-Premier Anastas Mikoyan.

Mr. Krushchev greeted his Yugoslav hosts with the words "Dear Comrade Tito".

He was smiling broadly as he greeted his closest aides. A few minutes later, the two Soviet leaders, could be heard approaching and then in no time they had landed. The aircraft, taxied close to the diplomats and a newly painted yellow gangway was brought up for the first visitor, Mr. Krushchev, to alight.

Wearing a light summer suit, he was taken by the Soviet Ambassador, Vassili Valkov, to the President. Tito had been standing apart, motionless on a square Persian carpet, but left it immediately to go to greet his guest.

They were soon joined by Marshal Nikolai Bulganin and Anastas Mikoyan, Soviet first Vice-Premier. They all shook hands and posed for photographers.

Krushchev made a brief speech praising Yugoslav-Soviet cooperation during the second World War and the valor of the Yugoslav partisans commanded by "Comrade Tito". After it, there was a moment of complete silence. Tito then invited Krushchev to get in the presidential car with him.

Bulganin and Edvard Kardelj, Yugoslav Vice-President, followed in the second car. The long convoy of cars moved off towards Belgrade as urged by the council of the Belgrade Socialist Alliance, the populace had turned out in strength to greet the arrival of the city's crowds on both sides of the presidential route were very dense. Applause greeted the passage of Tito and his guest of honour, Krushchev. —France-Press.

The Soviet anxiety to regain Yugoslavia's friendship "is believed to stem largely from its concern about the effect of the rift on the East European Communist states—particularly in view of Moscow's current efforts towards creating a neutral belt in Europe." —France-Press and Reuter.

At this stage, a muffled explosion was heard on board. Smoke started entering the cabin through the cold air ducts and localised fire was detected soon after on the starboard wing behind number three engine nacelle.

Rapid descent was commenced for ditching the aircraft and distress signals broadcast. In spite of fire fighting action during which number three engine was feathered, fire spread very rapidly and caused hydraulic failure followed by electric failure. During final stages of descent executed under extremely difficult circumstances, dense smoke entered the cockpit reducing visibility to almost nil.

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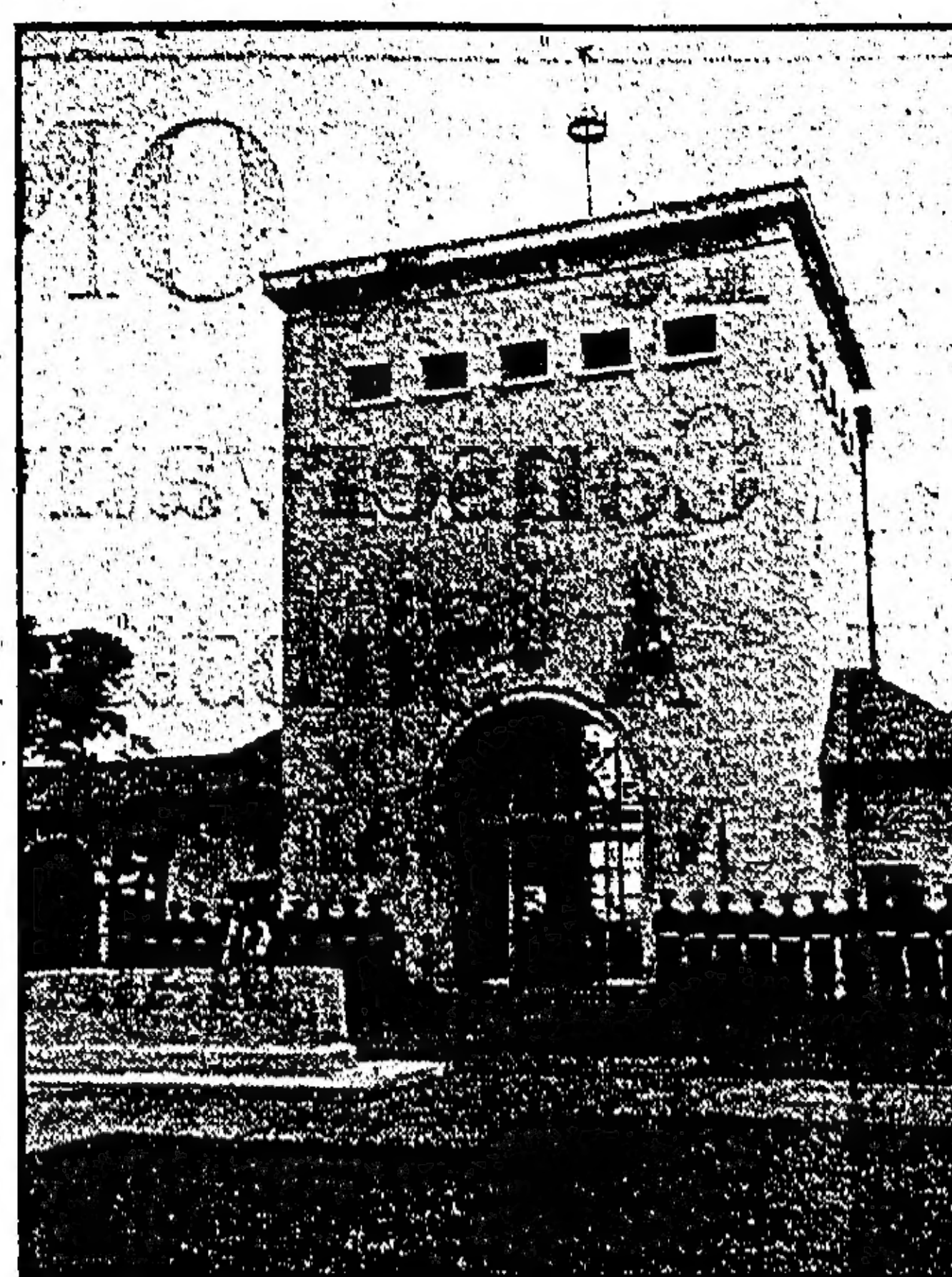
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The scene at the Runnymede Memorial in Surrey during a memorial service to commemorate the tenth anniversary of V. E. Day. The Memorial is dedicated to the officers and men of the Commonwealth Air Forces who lost their lives in the last war while operating from the UK and Northwest Europe. —Reuterphoto.

HONGKONG GOVT PLEDGE ON AIR OUTRAGE

The Hongkong Government announced this morning that if it was established by a police investigation that the bomb outrage which sent the Air India Constellation crashing into the sea last month was committed in the Colony, it was determined to do all in its power to bring those responsible to justice.

"Immediately after the news of the crash was received, enquiries were begun as soon as possible. These covered a wide field including the arrangements made for the transport of passengers and their baggage, the servicing and fuelling of the aircraft and the interrogation of all those who had been in any way connected with the arrangements in Hongkong.

A special bulletin released this morning said: "The report of a Committee of Enquiry appointed by the Government of Indonesia establishes that an explosion in the wing of the Air India international aircraft, 'Kashmir Princess', which caused the plane to crash into the sea on April 11 whilst on a flight from Hongkong to Djakarta was due to sabotage.

"It seems probable that the explosive device employed was placed in the aircraft at Hongkong.

"Although it would not be in the public interest at this stage to publish the results of the Hongkong Police investigations so far made the Hongkong Government is determined to make every effort to ascertain the facts. If it is established that the outrage was committed at Hongkong they are determined to do all in their power to bring those responsible to justice.

"NO SUGGESTION" "In a statement issued by the Hongkong Government on April 13 it was stated that they had been informed that the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs had received information that trouble might be made by Chinese Nationalist sympathisers for a group of journalists leaving Hongkong for the Bandung Conference by an Air India international aircraft on April 11 and had been asked to take appropriate precautions.

"There was no suggestion in the message from the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs or from any other source of possible sabotage of the aircraft. The precautions taken were therefore directed to the protection of passengers from molestation at the airport. Had the pos-

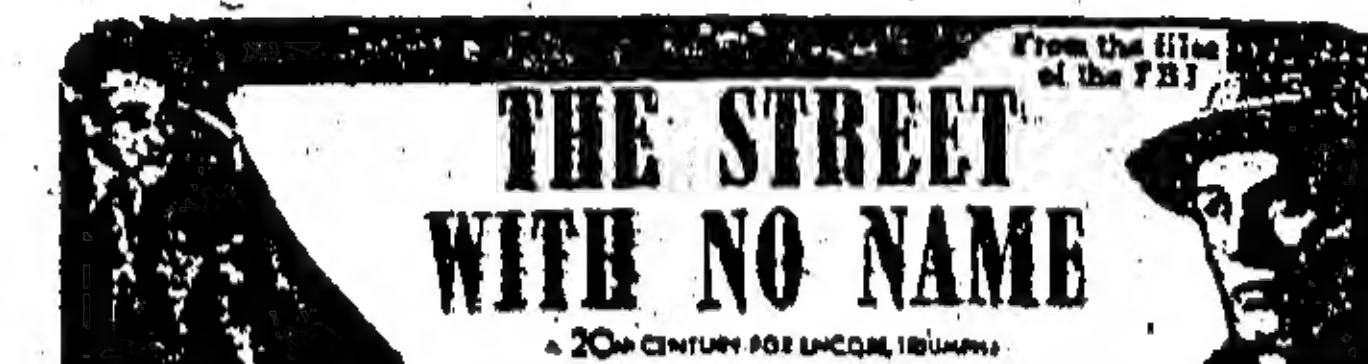
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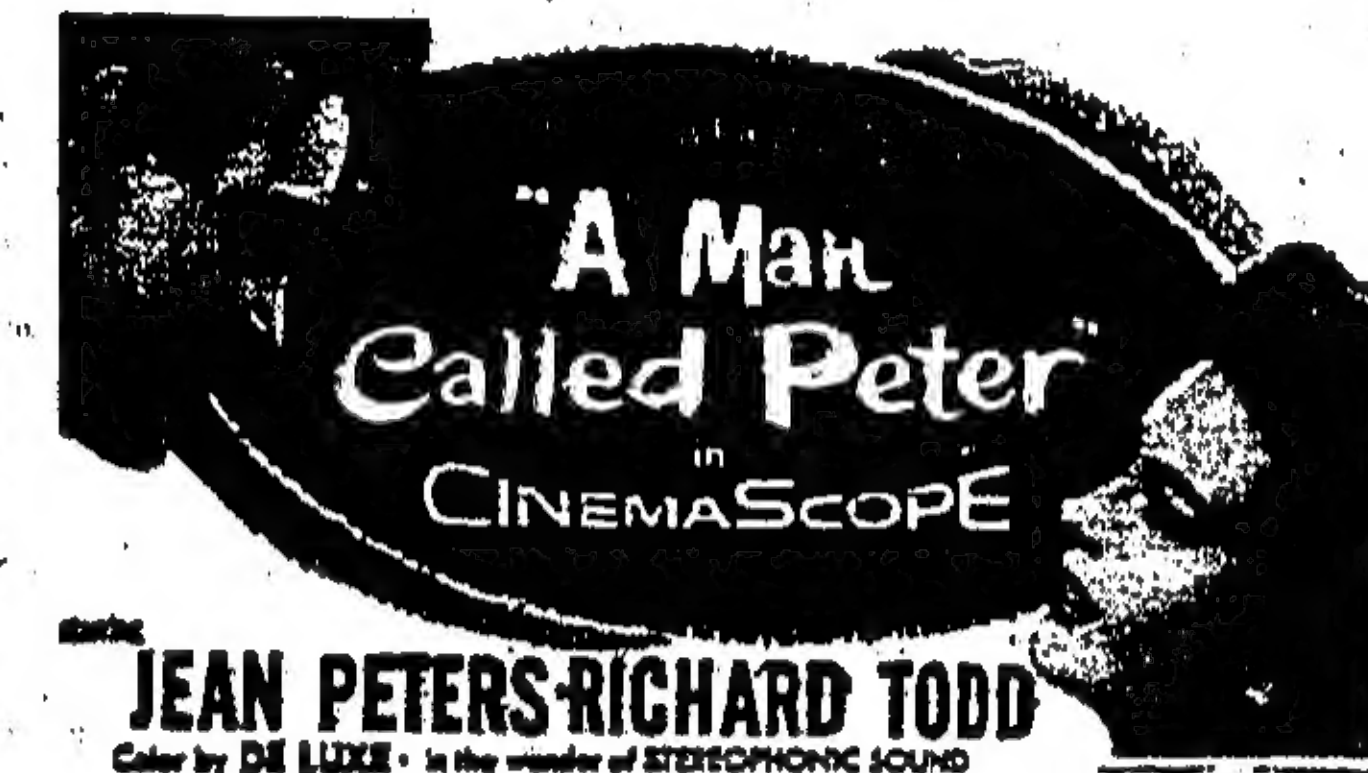


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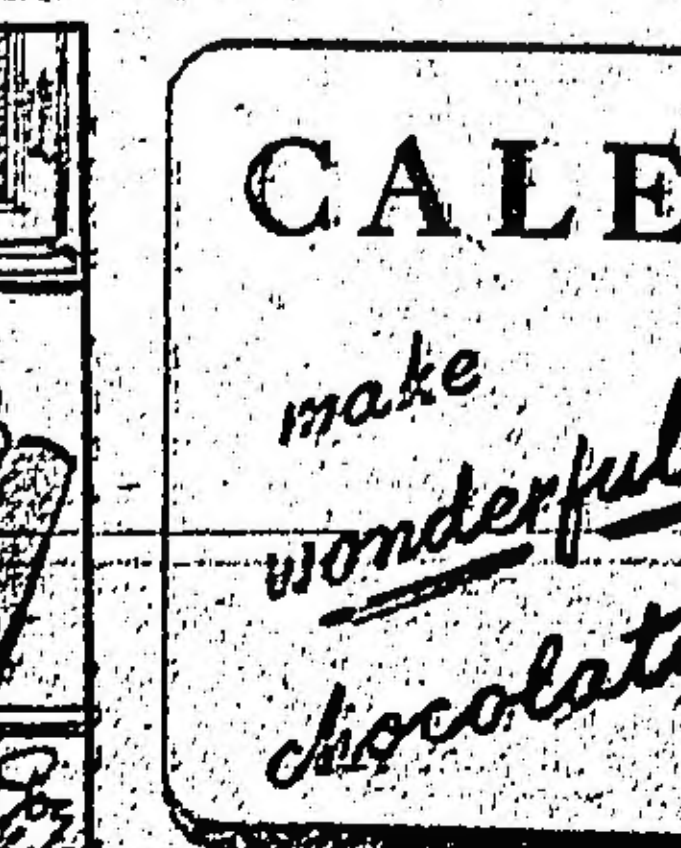
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Odette (1949) and Appointment with Venus (1951) entrenched Jerrard Tickell's stature as a writer about World War II. Behind them lies a personal record no less brilliant. Enlisting as a private in 1940, he emerged as a major three years later when, as he explains here, he was recalled to the War Office.

Film scripts

He next executed arduous missions in Europe and the East and in 1947-48 assisted in the prosecution of the Hamburg War Trials. Now he has just finished two film scripts—one for the Gold Coast Government. Forty-nine, he lives at Hampstead where his day begins feverishly at 6 a.m. but he finds time to drive his red, 30-year-old Bentley. He is married with three sons—Crispin, Patrick and Thomas-More.

IN December 1948, while I was serving in the Army, I was flown home to the War Office after long and arduous months in the Middle and Near East. I was thin and sun-burned then and was only too delighted to be able to spend Christmas in Oxford.

Between the War Office and Trafalgar Square there is a cluster of four genial establishments which cater for the thirsty. I turned into the top one, the smallest one, on that bitterly cold morning hoping that the proprietor, a friend of mine, would allow me to celebrate my return with a glass from his dwindling supply of sherry. He did so.

There was one other man at the counter, a civilian. I can't quite remember how we fell into conversation.

Distress

He was a man of about 40. He wore what had obviously once been a very good suit and the tie of a famous public school. His black half-brogue was beautifully polished and he carried a rolled-up copy of The Times. We talked about this and that, the war, the rationing, the black-out—and all the time I was aware of the fact that his mind was elsewhere. Suddenly he drew a deep breath and looked me straight in the eyes.

Once more you are asked
FACT OR FICTION?

Mr Valentine Merryweather's request to be allowed to visit his wife had been considered and granted. The patient would be available for interview between four and five o'clock that afternoon. It was regretted that there was no change to report in her mental condition.

I gave him back the letter. I thought for one ghastly moment that he was going to cry. He said hopelessly:

"It happened in 1940, in one of the heavy raids. Anne—my wife—was buried for some hours and when they dug her out, she had lost her reason. She'll never be any better. I want to see her frightfully! He swallowed, but the fare's one pound nine

and I've only got fourteen shillings. Now you know why I showed you the letter."

I thought of the thousands of leagues I had recently travelled over ocean, bush and desert—and of the paltry few miles of railway track that lay between this man and his unhappy wife. In two days it would be Christmas and all the bells in Oxford would ring. There could only be one answer. He thanked me with great dignity and I felt that I had been privileged.

The war was long over. I was out of uniform and, to my dismay, I was putting on weight. My skin, no longer sun-burned, had the paler of a sunless English winter.

I parked my car off Baker Street, bought an evening paper and went into a pub for a glass of beer and a sandwich. A man stood at the bar, an untouched half-pint at his elbow.

He nodded and muttered, "Good morning," as I came in, and his lean face was vaguely familiar to me. He was in a dark grey suit with a very white collar and spotted tie. I wondered idly where we had met. But there were so many places it might have been—Africa, Italy, France, Germany—and I had encountered so many people briefly in the movement and change of war.

I took my beer and my sandwich and sat down on a slippery horsehair sofa and began to read my paper. After a moment or two, the man came over and sat down beside me. He said slowly:

"Chillier today." I agreed. I wanted to go on reading. He went on in a low insistent voice:

"I can see that you want to read but I must talk to somebody. I must," I turned. There was a look of utter despair in his eyes and his hands were trembling. Again I was conscious of a strong sense of familiarity as if something or somebody were knocking on the gates of my memory. I put down my paper and said with brittle cheerfulness:

"What's the trouble?" "I'd...like to show you a letter."

I knew him instantly. It was as if a galleon had suddenly stopped dead, leaving one picture stark, clear and ugly. I took the letter in silence without reading it. I knew what I would see, hoping with all my strength that I would be wrong. It was typewritten and it bore yesterday's date. It came, from the registrar of a mental home in Cheshire. The only differences between it and the letter I had read in 1943 were the date and a new note of urgency. Mrs Merryweather's condition now gave rise for anxiety. The signature above the word registrar was an indecipherable

scrawl. The whole elaborate description, cynical, calculated and callous, made me sick and angry. I handed him back the letter. I said to him: "You've changed your tie." "What do you mean?" "I mean that the last time you did this to me, you were wearing an old Etonian tie. Spare part?"

He said sharply, defensively: "I was at Eton."

Nothing to say
"Crooks and confidence men should have a photographic memory for faces. I was in uniform then. I'm not now. That's why you've had the bad luck to pick on the same man twice. If I did what I should do, I'd call the police. I think you're vile. Get out!"

He stood up. His shoes were highly polished and he had a rolled-up copy of The Times. He said to me, blinking: "There's nothing I can say, is there?" "No. Nothing."

He went out quickly through the swing doors. I have never seen him since. Some day, somewhere, I pray that I may meet him again. A week later, I read with horror that Mrs Anne Merryweather, dearly beloved wife of Valentine Merryweather, had died in a nursing home in Cheshire after a long illness. I went to find him and to apologise to him.

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GEORGE WHITING

Did yesterday's story, 'The Dismissal Party', by Nicholas Monsieff—really happen? The answer is YES.

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First Step

The burden of conscription on the youth, the manpower, the economies of Communist countries is immeasurable. Conscription is a main factor helping to impoverish the Communist-dominated peoples. To abolish conscription would be a great step towards real disarmament, an advance towards better living conditions, a move in the direction of world peace.

"Beat the atomic bomb!" cry the Communists, hoping to play on widespread fears and weaken the West so as to subdue it more easily. By all means let us ban the atomic bomb and other nuclear weapons—at the proper time in a full programme of real disarmament. But the first step is more important, both because it comes first and because it will also prevent Communist aggression. And that first step is to cut down the number of men under arms. One way of doing that—and in my view the best—would be to ban conscription.

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DISARMAMENT? LET THE REDS BAN CONSCRIPTION

By JULES MENKEN

A WORLD-WIDE, Communist-inspired campaign against nuclear weapons is in progress. One aspect of this obviously insincere campaign is the collection of signatures appealing for a ban on atomic weapons.

A dispatch from China states that in Szechuan, the great province with 60 million inhabitants—the largest population of any Chinese province—more than half the people have signed the appeal. This news is, indeed, extraordinary, for it is quite certain that nothing like half the population of Szechuan are able to write or sign their name. Communist propagandists have merely added this invention to the repertoire with which, in accordance with instructions from their rulers in Moscow and Peking, they are attacking the West.

Why The Boast?

Why has this Communist campaign against atomic weapons been launched? If Moscow is sincere in its hatred of these weapons and its alleged desire to abolish them, why did Khrushchev boast last year that the Soviet Union had done everything it could to develop them? Why did he claim that the Soviet Union was the first country to produce the terrible hydrogen bomb—a claim which, as it happens, is false? Why did Molotov brag emptily in February that Soviet development of hydrogen weapons has been so rapid that in this matter it is

all the aggressors in history have made—or tried to make—their conquests.

The second element which true disarmament requires is phasing. It is useless to try to do everything at once, or to believe that grandiose declarations provide a solution. True disarmament means that existing stocks of nuclear weapons must be destroyed, and the factories and specialised tools needed to make them converted or scrapped.

True disarmament also means that military formations must be disbanded, that thousands of guns and tanks must be broken up, that warships must be scrapped, that military aircraft must be destroyed, and again that the factories which make such weapons must be converted to works of peace.

Since all these things can clearly not be done at once, they must be done in the right sequence in a properly phased plan. Phasing, then, is the second element in true disarmament.

The third element is a proper level at every phase. This is obviously essential, for the British Army today is some 400,000 strong, whereas the Soviet Army is about seven and a half times as large and numbers upwards of three million. It would seem to cut the strength of both armies by the same fraction—say, a third, as Moscow has proposed. Such an equal proportionate cut would still leave a tremendous preponderance with the Soviet ground forces.

Again, if Moscow is as strong in nuclear weapons as Khrushchev and Molotov boast, Britain could obviously not reduce her still relatively small nuclear armament without grave peril unless Moscow made a larger absolute and proportionate reduction.

In both these cases, a proper level must clearly be preserved at every phase; and the same principle holds good for other weapons and forces throughout any plan of true disarmament.

The Communist programme for world domination has very different needs. Essentially it requires two things—the forces necessary for conquest, and weakened enemies.

What forces does Communism need for conquest—nuclear forces or conventional ones, and especially large armies? Here a strange paradox appears. Nuclear forces in themselves, or as the main reliance of any power, are essentially defensive. By contrast, conventional forces can be essentially aggressive—and are especially so when they are combined with nuclear forces, as the Soviet Union is busy doing.

For Conquest

The reasons for this paradox are simple. Nuclear weapons are weapons of bombardment; they are weapons, that is, which destroy. Except in scale of destruction, land in the technical efforts due to radiation, nuclear weapons thus resemble the long series of bombardment weapons which men have used in war since the beginning of history. The catapult, the siege gun, modern artillery in its various forms, are all weapons in that series.

Bombardment weapons destroy and can break down resistance, but by themselves they are never weapons of conquest. Conquest is possible only when troops follow up bombardment, occupy the ground, and prevent resistance from being organised afresh. Not nuclear weapons, therefore, but armies—larger than are needed for defence—are the forces which serve aggression and the will to conquest.

Armies of this kind are found today in the Communist world alone. They are mass armies, and their great numbers are levied by conscription. Mass armies of this character have always been instruments of aggression since conscription in its modern form was first introduced during the French Revolution, and the threat of aggression by such forces made conscription necessary for defence in other countries also.

Napoleon's conquests were based on conscript armies. The Prussian conquests of 1866 and

THE DUKE BOWLS



The Duke of Edinburgh bowls the first ball on the cricket pitch when he opened the Borough of Finsbury (London) Memorial Sports Centre at Barnet, Herts. The project, which has taken seven years to complete, has cost over £70,000 and is probably one of the most ambitious schemes ever sponsored by the National Playing Fields Association. —Reuterphoto.

COUNTY CRICKET

Surrey In A Commanding Position Against Lancashire At The Oval

London, May 26.

An unbroken fourth wicket stand of 218 by century makers Ken Barrington and Peter May placed Surrey, three times County Cricket Champions, in a commanding position over Lancashire on the second day of their match at the Oval today.

At today's close, Lancashire, with only five second innings wickets standing, required 167 runs to avoid an innings defeat. They had made 94 and 84 for five against Surrey's 345 for three declared.

Barrington, who has yet to receive his County cap, completely overshadowed his more illustrious Test partner. May was forced to struggle for his 122 not out which took five hours 35 minutes but Barrington scored easily. Powerful cover drives and square cuts brought the 24-year-old Barrington's 135 not out in three hours 20 minutes.

Altogether he hit 10 fours in playing the highest innings of his career. A chimney on fire in a block of flats near the Oval held up play for several minutes while Lancashire were batting. Fortunately, the wind changed direction.

YORKSHIRE NEED 128 —Barrington had to fight for runs at Sheffield, where York-

shire need 128 to beat Warwickshire. Freddie Trueman began Yorkshire's fight back by claiming two quick wickets and then Worrie took three of the last four batsmen in three overs. Warwickshire made 148 and 141 while Yorkshire, 73, were 91 for two in their second innings.

Kent collapsed dismally after tea today against Derbyshire, who won by an innings and 21 runs for the second time within seven days. Derbyshire's victory was achieved mainly by the seam bowlers, Jackson and Morgan, and reliable catching. Seven Kent batsmen fell for 62 runs in 95 minutes after tea. Kent, 119, were dismissed for 122 at second time after Derbyshire had made 262 in their first innings. —Reuter.

Oxford Easy Victims For South Africans

Oxford, May 26.

At the close of play today, Oxford University had scored 154 for five in their second innings against the South African touring team. They had followed on after being dismissed for only 90 runs in their first innings. The South Africans had made 434 for eight declared.

The South Africans followed their lively batting yesterday with good bowling, in which Heine, their six-foot four fast bowler, figured prominently. He took five wickets for 31 out of the University's first innings total of 90.

Oxford found great difficulty in countering Heine's outwitting, and ingenious strokes helped the University's pre-lunch collapse. Five men were caught behind the wicket.

Only Walton, Fellows-Smith, who swept Smith the South African pace bowler, once for six, and Waine showed sufficient skill to stay any length of time. Even Fellows-Smith, top scorer with 28, was twice let off in an over from the accurate Murray. Smith's three wickets came in four overs for 13 runs.

Oxford's M. J. K. Smith, scorer of 201 not out in last summer's Varsity match, at last found his touch again when the

Dark Blues followed on, 344 runs behind. After only making 60 in nine innings, with a highest score of 23, he hit 33 in pleasing style and gave this side a sporting chance to make the match last three days.

The South Africans, for all their intensive fielding practice, still missed catches and Oxford proved, Walton played another useful innings and De Lisle, dropped off Heine when seven, straight-drove Keith, the slow left-hander, for six and resisted gallantly for an hour before being run out, fifth to go at 119. Gibson, after three successive "ducks", doubly kept up the other end. —France-Press.

Interport Postal Shooting Match

The Second Interport Postal Shooting Match between the Philippines, Japan and Hongkong will be fired off simultaneously at the respective Ranges on Sunday, May 29. Our Teams will first off at the Hongkong Gun Club. All the Events are conducted under the International Shooting Union's Rules and the shooting will be witnessed by the diplomatic representatives of the respective Countries.

The following persons have been selected to represent Hongkong: Free Pistol: K. C. Hoo, William K. Y. Eu, W. Gillees, H. Orpen-Smelie, O. R. Sadick and S. W. Lee. Prone Rifle: Mabel M. L. Wong, David Wong, K. C. Hoo, Henry Souza, William K. Y. Eu and A. A. Noronha. 5-Position Rifle: Henry Souza, R. Remedios, K. C. Hoo, E. M. Rosario, A. A. Noronha and Mabel M. L. Wong.

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Says ARCHIE QUICK

Gordon Pirie is in his most determined mood. He is going to be the athlete of the year or bust. Santee, Kuts, Zolopek, Chataway, says he, can struggle for the secondary honours. And when Gordon talks like that he is generally right.

Frustrated by sickness in missing the International Cross-Country Championship in Spain, Pirie has otherwise made a tremendous start to the season. He has already run his second fastest ever Three Miles and Six Miles, has picked up a race or two in Belgium and France, and has won races at Freiberg and Heilbronn in Germany on successive days. That is, indeed, early form with a vengeance.

But something else is happening to Pirie. He has a secret ambition to succeed Roger Bannister and John Landy as the world's greatest mile runner. To this end he has been visiting his coach, Waldemar Gerschler, in Germany to obtain a schedule of 800 Metres, 880

Yards, 1,500 Metres and One Mile events for his future programme.

Pirie believes that at 24 years of age now is the time for him to concentrate on middle distances for a while, and he will not revert to longer races until July. He has already done a 4 min. 12.4 sec. mile this season. Remember, too, that he beat the great Wesley Santee into the ground over the distance at the White City when he came in as a deputy for Bannister.

A leading critic has said that Chataway's finishing speed, tactics and stamina will always beat Pirie's determination over any distance between a Mile and Three Miles. He also said that Pirie is wrong in consulting Gerschler and should stick to the Swiss, Stampf, as so many other British athletes have done. Many people will disagree with this and will point to the results Pirie has already achieved.

Pirie defends himself. "I am constitutionally different from other athletes. My heart action is abnormal and so is my breathing. I know what is best for me. What would be excessive and killing training for others suits me."

"It is so rigid that mere racing becomes easy afterwards. My trainer has set the programme and I trust in his judgement. So far, it has not failed me, until it does I shall pin my faith to it. I think shorter distances for a while to improve my speed are the correct thing."

LAWN BOWLS TEAMS

The following have been selected to represent their respective Clubs in league lawn bowls matches tomorrow.

KBGC

Green Club in league matches on Saturday, May 28.
1st Division (Home) v. I.R.C. "G" at 4 p.m.: J. Tindall, F. Hughes, W. Williams, M. Metcalfe, W. Liddell, E. Hoar, C. Rounsfell, M. E. Purvis (Skip); L. Gaddi, F. Gawn, T. Kavanagh, A. Harvey (Skip).
2nd Division (Home) v. HKRC at 4 p.m.: V. I. Thomas, A. D. McCracken, G. Walker, C. E. M. Terby (Skip); V. C. Bond, C. W. Greaves, H. A. Scott, A. Hutton (Skip); S. Bicheno, S. Rowland, T. Fremitt, L. F. G. Cugrove (Skip).

CCC

1st Division (Away) v. Recreation "W" at 4 p.m.: F. Lee, C. R. Howse, S. L. Leonard, B. W. Bradbury (Skip); P. Manson, F. G. Madar, C. Hong, J. W. Leonard, W. C. Ogley, G. A. Souza (Skip); H. Herve, A. M. L. Soares and Capt. G. Hong (Skip).
2nd Division (Away) v. KCC at 4 p.m.: Wong Yan, L. Leonard, P. Lau, H. W. Randall (Skip); S. F. Santos, A. H. Castro, J. A. Fox, G. Madar (Skip); C. K. Sung, A. F. Ferreira, R. O. Baker, H. Tay (Skip). Reserve: W. M. Sousa.

HKFC

2nd Division (Away) v. U.S.R.C. at 4 p.m.: P. Cotter, P. B. Gardner, R. C. Butler, B. J. Bickford (Skip); K. F. Forrow (Skip); K. B. Baker, T. Sneddon, H. Riddale, E. Greenwood (Skip). Reserve: G. Walker and A. Crook.
3rd Division (Away) v. Filipino Club at 4 p.m.: H. Black, R. Jones, W. Taylor, N. Hart-Baker, W. Summers, H. Van-Echten, T. Dyer, H. Shields (Skip); C. Edgell, N. Van-Heek, H. Holgate, E. Gaultier (Skip). Reserve: R. Baker and B. Laine.

USRC

2nd Division (Home) v. H.K.F.C. at 4 p.m.: M. Scott, G. C. Good-year, B. Van Zuiden, G. S. Agnew (Skip); N. Hart-Baker, W. H. Herve, R. M. Hetherington (Skip); G. Hill, A. Fletcher, E. Robinson, T. Curry (Skip).

PRC

3rd Division (Home) at 3.30 p.m.: C. W. Haynes, H. R. Tappender, J. E. Burns, L. J. McFavish (Skip); C. O. C. L. C. Pickett, S. Mosen, R. S. Ross (Skip); D. M. Miller, J. R. Kelly, F. H. Williams, W. C. Higgs (Skip).

International Tennis Results

Paris, May 26.

Results of matches played in the International tennis tournament here:

Men's Singles—2nd round—

S. Davidson (Sweden) beat F. Nys (France)—walkover.

P. Washer (Belgium) beat A. Seal (South Africa) 6-4, 6-2, 6-4.

J. Brichant (Belgium) beat J. Barrett (Britain), 6-3, 2-6, 6-1, 6-2.

Men's Doubles—1st round—

E. Haillet and H. Pelizzza (France) beat S. Jacobini and Magi (Italy) 6-4, 6-2, 6-1.

R. Della Paolera and A. Russell (Argentina) beat W. L. Bresse and G. Manset (United States) 6-8, 6-1, 6-3, 6-2.

J. C. Biederlack and R. Feldsbausch (Germany) beat P. Desq and A. Lartigue (France) 7-5, 8-6, 4-6, 5-7, 11-9.

N. Pietrangeli and O. Sirola (Italy) beat Baco and Jages (Yugoslavia)—walkover.

Art Larsen (USA) and E. Morca (Argentina) beat M. Fox and T. Vincent (USA)—walkover.

G. Grandet and F. Nys (France) beat J. Platska and A. Lids (Poland)—walkover.

J. Fiedt (USA) and E. Martinez (Spain) beat A. Adam and J. Asboth (Hungary)—walkover.

Men's Doubles—2nd round—

Budge Patty and H. Richardson (USA) beat J. R. Christ (Switzerland) and R. Mary (USA)—walkover.

France Press.

SO MUCH LIKE A CLOWN



A horse called Flanagan and Miss Pat Smythe, horsewoman extraordinary, are being considered by the British Olympic Show Jumping selectors as a team to train for the world contests next year.

You may never have heard of Flanagan. He is seven years old, a good-looking chestnut gelding. You must have heard of Pat Smythe, whose name is usually linked with horses Tessa and Prince Hal.

The girl and the horse met in September last year. Rich Robert Hanson, Nottinghamshire show jumper, became gravely ill. There was little hope that he would ride again.

Mr Hanson told Pat Smythe: "I have a horse which I would like you to take over." She took Flanagan to three meetings in September. Two days before the Horse of the Year show at Harringay, Bill Hanson died—horse Flanagan, withdrew Flanagan.

Flanagan spent the winter at Miss Smythe's stables at Miserden, Gloucestershire.

"I occasionally took him for a 'jolly' across the fences, teaching him to use his head more to increase his balance," said Pat. "He has reacted magnificently."

What does she think of Flanagan? "I adore him... he is so much like a clown. He just loves to jump."

Picture shows Pat Smythe on Flanagan—Daily Express Photo.

Good Early Season Performances By British Athletes

By "RECORDER"

For most British track and field athletes the 1955 season is barely a month old. The first major meeting of the season—the Inter-City Championship—comes this Saturday and Monday, but there have already been quite a few outstanding performances recorded.

A new British record in the Hammer Throw has been set by the Scot, Dr Ewan Douglas, whose record throw of 192 feet 6 inches measures up to Olympic final class. There has also been an English record in this event—179 feet 1 inch by Don Anthony at the London Caledonian Games at the White City on May 21.

Peter Allday also recorded his best ever performance in this event at the same Games with 176 feet 2 inches, while the Scot, Alec Valentine, reached out to 176 feet 8 inches. At the Universities' Championships at Manchester, J.C. Bard reached 188 feet 4 inches.

A new English native record in the Javelin Throw has been set by P.S. Cullen, Loughborough College student, with 220 feet 3 inches at Loughborough on May 14. Five Britons have already beaten 200 feet in this event this season, the latest being Malcolm Harradine who showed such promising form as a junior a few years ago but was unable for several seasons to reach 200 feet with the Senior Javelin.

Sprint times have not been particularly good as yet except for Michael Ruddy's 200 Metres around a turn in 21.6 seconds at the Vancouver Trophy Meeting.

Syd Scott Leads Swallow Penfold Golf Tourney

Southport, Lancashire, May 26.

Syd Scott, the little professional from Carlisle, led the field by two strokes here today after 36 holes in the £4,000 72 holes Swallow Penfold Golf Tournament.

While most of his rivals in the field of 37 were blown off their game by a strong cross wind, Scott maintained splendid accuracy over the 6,822 yards mighty golfing test and had rounds of 71 and 72 for a half way total of 143.

Christy O'Connor, an Irish professional who is heading for International Ryder Cup honours, was second on the 145 mark after rounds of 74 and 71 followed by Belgium's Florio Van Donck with 146 (74 and 72).

The best round of the day was a 70 by Irishman Harry Bradshaw on the second 18 holes. He and William Henderson (Scotland) were joint fourth on the 147 mark.

The final 36 holes will be played tomorrow (Friday) with a prize of £1,000 going to the winner.—Reuter.

ing at Woodford, in both heat and final, on May 5.

With Brian Shenton confining himself to the 220 Yards this season and Ken Jones finally retired, the 100 Yards field is poor except for some promising juniors. George Ellis, finalist in the European Games 100 Metres, has not participated so far in any major meeting.

No one has yet beaten 49 seconds for the 440 Yards this season, though things look promising in this event for Jack Johnson has the season's fastest "quarter" so far in 49.3 seconds, followed J.P. Wrighton at 49.4, M. Orrell Jones and Robert Shaw at 49.5, Terence Higgins at 49.6, J. Metcalf and Peter Higgins at 49.7 and Roger Baker at 49.8.

BRIGHT NEW STAR

Early season times in the Half Mile have been good. It is not sensational. Derek Johnson and Brian Hewson have both come down to 1 minute 52.5 seconds. A bright new star in this event is the Scotsman, Donald Gorrie, who won the Universities' title in 1 minute 52.8 seconds at Manchester.

The One Mile Championship at the Universities' meeting produced a most unexpected upset as Manchester's M.F. Walmsley won in 4 minutes 17 seconds over John Evans of London and Alan Gordon of Oxford. There may be quite a few more Britons under 4 minutes 10 seconds by the time the Whitniss weekend is over, but up till now the only other is Oxford's Ian Boyd.

Peter Driver recorded a fast 8 minutes 52.2 seconds for the Two Miles at the London Caledonian Games. In the Six Miles three runners—Gordon Pirie, Ken Norris and Hugh Ford—have already beaten 29 minutes this season.

Welshman Robert Shaw is showing great early season form in the 440 Yards Hurdles, being consistently under 54 seconds. He won the Universities' Athletics Union title in the 120 Yards Hurdles as well at Manchester in 14.8 seconds.

High Jump, and Pole Vault marks have been exceptionally poor so far, as have Hop, Step and Jump marks. In the Long Jump, Empire Champion Ken Wilmshurst has a season's best of 24 feet 3 inches and Percy Luxon has cleared 23 feet 6 inches.

In the Shot Put the retirement of 55-footer John Savage seems

to have aroused a lot of interest in this event. The vacancy on Britain's national team is likely to be filled by Oxford University's W. B. L. Palmer who reached 48 feet 8 inches against the AAA at Oxford on May 12.

In the Discus Throw, Mark Pharoah has already reached 161 feet 9 inches but there don't seem to be any other throwers of international class about.

Bi-Monthly Practice Shoot

Despite the heat last Sunday, a fair number of persons made up mostly of members of the Royal Hong Kong Defence Force and Hong Kong Police turned up for the bi-monthly practice Shoot conducted by the Association at Kai Tak. The weather conditions for shooting were ideal, as a result of which some very good scores were recorded, several contestants obtaining over 91 points out of a possible of 105. The results of the shooting were as follows:—

S.R. (b) Class "A"				
	300	500	800	Total
A.A. Noronha (DP)	33	32	32	97
L.A. Roarke (DP)	30	30	31	91
A.N. Robinson (RN)	30	30	31	91
H. Upen-Snell (DP)	30	30	31	91
(Leave)	31	32	32	95
J.P. Balores (Civ)	31	31	31	93
T.W. Hancock	31	31	31	93
R. Towler (RAF)	31	31	31	93
W.J. Norwest (RA)	31	31	31	93
R.T. Archer (DP)	29	29	29	87
E.Y. Mao (DP)	27	27	27	81
E. Gollery (DP)	27	27	27	81
Class "C"				
W. Gillies (Pol)	24	24	24	72
P.G.D. Nash (Pol)	24	24	24	72
R.G. Noddings (Pol)	24	24	24	72
A.M. Xavier (DP)	24	24	24	72
S.R. (c) Class "B"				
J.C. Morgan (R2)	31	31	31	93
Azir Ahmad (Pol)	29	29	29	87
L.E. Evans (RA)	29	29	29	87
Chan Pak-shing (Pol)	29	29	29	87
K. Howard (SS)	29	29	29	87
Chan Chor-choi (Pol)	29	29	29	87
E.K. Abbas (DP)	27	27	27	81
M. Leung (Pol)	27	27	27	81
Amir Khan (Pol)	27	27	27	81
Li Chiu-keung (Pol)	27	27	27	81

The next practice Shoot will be held at Kai Tak "B" Range on Sunday, June 5, commencing at 9 a.m. Shooting will be at 200, 500 and 800 Yards.

CANNES FILM FESTIVAL FURY THE QUESTION IS: DID THEY KILL 500 TO GET THEIR EFFECTS?

By DILYS POWELL

"Have you seen the American film 'Marty'?" someone asked me on my first day at the Cannes Festival. "No," I said. I had just come from "The Sign of Venus," a well-acted but tedious Italian comedy, and together with 1,500 other guests I had fought my way into the day's cocktail-party; in one hand I held, idiotically, a cellophane-covered doll which had been thrust at me as I passed the barrier; in the other, gratefully, a glass of champagne.

"No," I repeated, "is it good?" "So I hear; missed it myself—shown before I arrived." The Festival lasts seventeen days; there were still five to go. "I must try to see it," I said. And on my way back to the hotel to change for the evening performance ("evening dress essential") I added my name to the long list of critics who were begging for a second showing of "Marty."

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Jewish philosopher-tailor, street crowded with quirky snailkeepers. St Paul's shining bright at the end—this is Petticoat Lane—fantastic; but again why not?

The atmosphere of half-reality is delicately maintained, the quick ebb and flow of talk brilliantly controlled. Excellent playing from David Kossoff as the tailor, and the final wrestling match between Joe Robinson and Primo Camera is hair-raising for a Continental audience it must be an extremely difficult film. At Cannes the difficulties, presumably, were insurmountable.

In the Palais des Festivals the audience clapped the visiting stars and applauded or ridiculed their films—and, sometimes, expressed political opinions; the evening which greeted the award to "East of Eden" was party boozing.

But by midnight on Wednesday the last film had been seen; two hours later the last mannequin, in the traditional parade at the farewell supper, had eled across the stage and the fireworks were banging out the end of the show.

Sitting on the Carlton terrace next morning, I saw a pleasant-faced American girl, it was Betty Blair, star of "Marty," which I need hardly say had won the Grand Prix. "They didn't show it again," I said, "in spite of all our begging." "Yes," said a colleague, "they showed it two mornings ago." "Nobody told me," I said sulkily, "did you see it?" "Dear me," he said, "nobody was told till next day."

BUT WHY NOT?

Carol Reed's "A Kid for Two Farthings" was not, alas, a prizewinner at Cannes. It is a remarkable film: artificial, yes, but why not?

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Police Not Immune To Black Magic In West Indies

Siparia, Trinidad, May 26.

Some months ago a workman clearing up in the public cemetery here for All Saints Day celebrations found two frogs hopping about among the graves with their mouths padlocked.

The news spread quickly in this little township in the Colony's oil belt in the south and men, women and children swarmed to the cemetery to see this unusual spectacle. They saw, too, that the keys were still in the padlocks clamping the frogs' mouths.

There was much speculation as to the significance of this unusual sight and general agreement that some individual with a case before the Court had padlocked the frogs' mouths in an effort to seal the tongues of hostile witnesses.

No one would touch the frogs until a maggot took them home. He undid the padlocks and in the mouth of one frog he found the five-letter name of a woman printed in the shape of a cross on a small piece of paper.

NEW IDEA

This gave rise to a new idea. The frogs' mouths had been padlocked, it was said, to bring about a reunion between two estranged lovers.

The case of the padlocked frogs has never been satisfactorily explained, nor is it likely ever to be. But one thing is certain. What the townspeople of Siparia saw in the cemetery was an expression of the Obiah (black magic, or witchcraft) which is rife among the people of African and East Indian origin in this island and which is calculated to do more harm than good among the superstitious.

Obiah in Trinidad is derived from the practice of Obi, or witchcraft, in the Gold Coast and the man who practises it is generally referred to as an Obiah-man, a look-in or a sea-man. In the remote parts of the island the Obiah-man with his knowledge of primitive medicine may take the part of the doctor at the bedside of the sick but very often he falls for charlatan practices.

They know that only too well in Siparia where Obiah is part of the pattern of daily life. Cases coming before the local Court prove it.

SUPERNATURAL POWERS
There was, for example, the case of Emmanuel Rahamut, alias Rahamut Ali. Ali obtained money from one Ramsingh by pretending that he possessed supernatural powers.

Ramsingh had two Court summonses pending against him and Ali promised to have them dismissed. He asked Ramsingh to procure a fowl which had stopped laying. It must be crowing.

Then he asked Ramsingh for five shillings to enable him to go to the graveyard at midnight. There, he said, by reading the Seven Books of Moses and sprinkling dragon's blood on the graves he would get the dead to emerge and speak with him. When Ali put this proposition to Ramsingh he had his bicycle with him. Pointing to the machine, he told Ramsingh: "I have the Seven Books of Moses on the carrier." Then he produced two phials, one of which, he said, contained dragon's blood and the other human blood used in carrying out his duties.

All, with a long string of convictions, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

NO HELP

When sentencing him, the Magistrate, Mr. Evan Rees said: "Your supernatural powers will not help you here. It is time you stopped going about fooling ignorant people." When Napoleon de Silva, known as a "healer," appeared before the Court, he got the benefit of the doubt in a case in which he was accused of ill-treating a brown bull calf.

The flashing of a detective's torch interrupted Napoleon as he was trying to make the bull calf swallow a ball of molasses inside which were a Court summons, a piece of paper with a Magistrate's name on it, some grave dirt, flour and other materials.

On this occasion, Mr. Rees remarked: "You must be a trickster. You say you can heal but I do not believe a word of that. People who practise Obiah are scamps."

Napoleon had to pay £4 costs.

Port of Spain, the capital, gets its share of Obiah, and the Courts there get the backwash.

Only a short time ago, James Ferguson, an Obiah-man caught in a police trap, was sent to prison for four months for

obtaining \$5 6d from a housewife by pretending that he possessed supernatural powers.

Ferguson, with four alias and 15 previous convictions to his discredit, told the housewife that one of her neighbours while in British Guiana had written to him asking him to "die" (kill) her unborn child. He would "turn" the child, he said, but it would cost her "plenty" money. As she was a poor woman, he would accept seven dollars (about 35s).

HIDDEN IN HOUSE

When he returned next day, police were hidden in the house and the housewife had "marked" money ready to give the Obiah-man. He asked her to undress saying that he was going to give her a bath. She took off her outer garments while Ferguson sprinkled the contents of several phials into a bath pan.

The housewife handed over the marked money and Ferguson had read two psalms and was about to start the ceremony when the police sprang from their hiding places and arrested him.

After sentencing Ferguson to four months' imprisonment, the Magistrate, Mr. N. R. Churchill Johnston, told the police: "You have saved many housewives from the wiles of this man."

Apparently, even the police cannot escape from the spells of the Obiah-man. In two recent cases, both of a similar nature, in Port of Spain, police witnesses were "taken in" (ill) while giving evidence for the prosecution.

They said it only in whispers, but they declared their illness was caused by black magic.—China Mail Special.

Somalis Petition United Nations



NO WATER IN THAT HUMP

New York, May 26.

An American university professor has demolished the centuries-old myth of the camel's hump. Since history began, story-tellers have told how the camel could store water there to survive a week in the blazing desert without drinking.

Later scientists claimed the camel drank great quantities of water and laid it aside in one of his multiple stomachs. Dr. Knut Schmidt-Nielsen, of Duke University, has proved both wrong.

He proved camels conserved every drop in their body tissues. Even in the hottest weather they never lose moisture by either sweating or panting.

AN ARMY BRINGS A BOOM TO AN ISLAND OF TROUBLE

Nicosia, May 26.

Britain is spending some £75,000,000 in Cyprus on plans for military, Royal Air Force and other development due to be completed in 1964.

A series of major projects, several of which have already been launched, will contribute to a build-up unparalleled in the island's history.

As the last and only all-British outpost in the Eastern Mediterranean, Cyprus will feature prominently in the defence plans of the West in the event of another major war.

Its future as a pivot of Middle East defence was decided long before the signature of the Anglo-Egyptian agreement on the Suez Canal Zone. But the stipulated timetable of evacuation of British forces from the Zone accelerated the emergence of Cyprus as a key position in the revised strategic pattern of the Middle East.

The great Cyprus build-up is being achieved in three closely co-ordinated stages:

1. Military development, which is being implemented under ten-year programme due to be completed by 1964 and costing between £40,000,000 and £50,000,000. Construction projects under this programme already in hand include a large cantonment, which is to house the Headquarters of British Middle East air, land and naval forces.

EPISCOPI BASE

The cantonment, based at Episcopi, 10 miles west of Limassol, in south Cyprus, will become the nerve centre of administrative and operational control over the entire network of British military camps and airfields from Malta to the Persian Gulf.

According to latest indications, the rear headquarters of British forces still in the Canal Zone will move into Episcopi in the autumn of 1955.

The main headquarters, which were transferred to Cyprus last December and have been temporarily based in and near Nicosia, will take up their

permanent quarters in June 1956.

It will be the first time since the end of World War II that Britain's Middle East air, land and sea headquarters have been housed under a single roof.

In addition to the "brains" of British forces in this area being based at Episcopi, it has recently been decided that the historical stronghold of British Land Forces in the Middle East shall also be in Cyprus.

The divisional headquarters, which will control troops based on Malta, Libya, Cyprus, Jordan and elsewhere in the Middle East, will be built near Nicosia, but its exact locality has not yet been determined.

Also part of the military construction programme and a part which is well advanced is the Dhokkella cantonment eight miles east of Limassol, where a fine British Army encampment is going up. This is scheduled for completion by 1959.

It is intended to base a brigade of infantry personnel at Dhokkella. Altogether, Cyprus will house not many more than 10,000 troops, once construction is completed.

RAF DEVELOPMENT

2. Royal Air Force development, comprising a series of projects which will cost about £15,000,000. The biggest of these projects is the new atom-bombing airfield now being built at Akrotiri on the tip of the Akrotiri peninsula, south of Limassol.

The first phase of this all-weather airfield which will handle Britain's latest-type bombers and fighters, is due to be completed this summer.

Other Royal Air Force projects include top secret radar installations, as well as construction of married quarters and a hospital.

Part of the development plan is also the expansion of the Royal Air Force wireless transmitting station at Akrotiri, Camp, four miles east of Nicosia.

FIVE-YEAR PLAN
3. A five-year development plan drawn up by the Colonial Office. The first hint of this plan was given by the Governor, Sir Robert Armitage, in his budget address on December 22, 1954.

Full details of the new programme have not yet been published, but it is already on record that it will provide for the construction of adequate harbour facilities in at least two ports of Cyprus. Harbour development, costing some £5,000,000 will be of such a nature as to cope with the requirements of the Royal Navy, parallel with those of the island's expanding trade.

To meet the greatly increased demand for electric power, following the transfer of headquarters from the Canal Zone, the all-Cyprus electric grid scheme at Dhokkella will have to be expanded in the immediate future, at a cost of nearly £2,000,000.

The overall figure of about £75,000,000 is only capital expenditure on programmes of strategic and civil development. It does not include the annually recurrent amount which Britain will spend to maintain her headquarters, forces and installations on the island.

ESTIMATE
According to conservative estimates, this sum may be anything up to £10,000,000 a year.

Economists forecast a period of unprecedented prosperity for Cyprus over the next ten years, as a result of the great build-up, and subsequently, thanks to the presence of large numbers of servicemen on the island.

Sir Robert Armitage supported this view to some extent, when he said in his Budget address: "The constructional projects of the Services Departments (will produce) increasing activity and flow of money which... is likely to result in boom conditions in the island during the next few years."

The island's political future, highlighted by the campaign for Enosis (Union with Greece), does not appear to be a point of issue as far as current military planning is concerned. It seems certain that, whatever the political future may hold for Cyprus, it will have to provide for the presence of British military and strategic assets in various parts of the island.

These, it is felt, will prove to be of much greater value to the free world in the years to come, than the fulfilment of nationalist aspirations in any shape or form.—China Mail Special.

US To Step Up Plane Output

Washington, May 26.

The Air Force said today that it will step up production of some of its latest planes in view of recent Russian air power gains.

The Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Mr. Richard B. Russell, disclosed these plans after high Air Force officials had briefed the group on United States and Russian air power.

Mr. Russell said that the Air Force Secretary, Mr. Harold E. Talbot, "indicated that there would be some acceleration of our programme."

Asked if that meant stepping up production of such planes as the jet B-52 inter-continental H-bomber, Mr. Russell said, "I don't think there is any question about it."—United Press.

Adenauer Returns

Bonn, May 26.

Dr. Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, returned here today from a ten-day holiday in the Black Forest and immediately called a special session of his Cabinet for tonight.—Router.

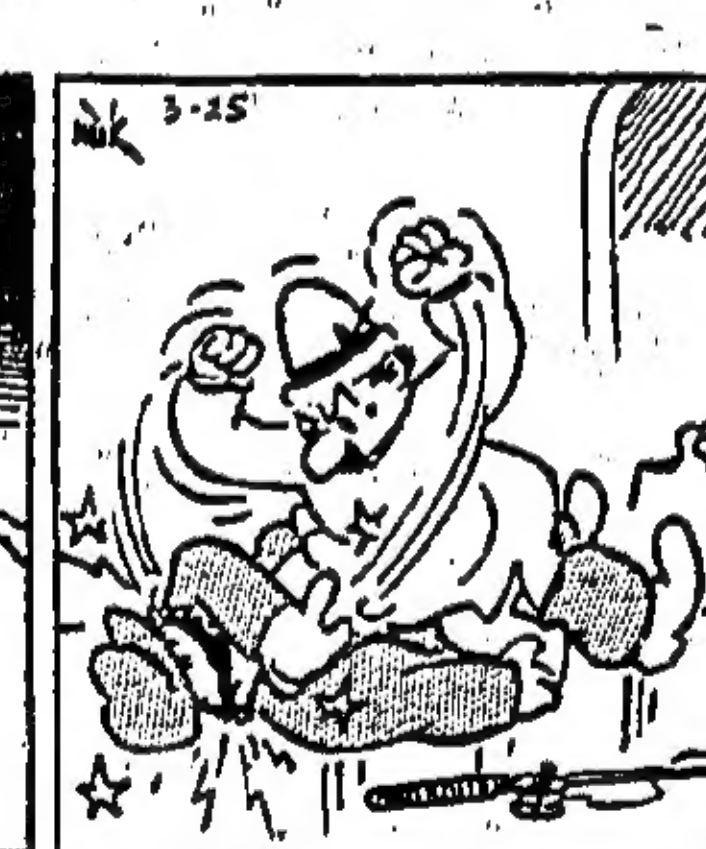
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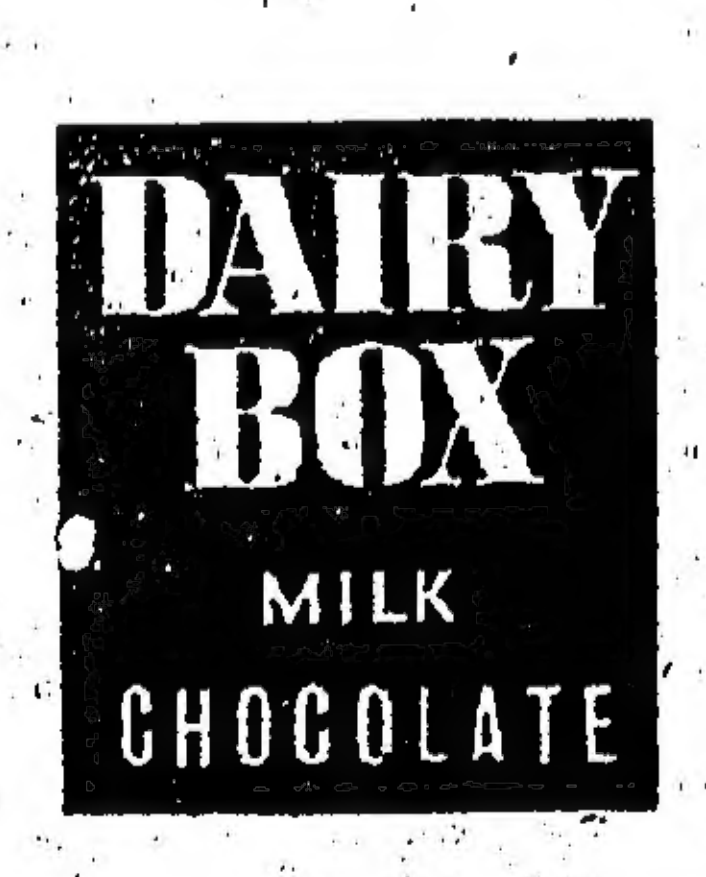
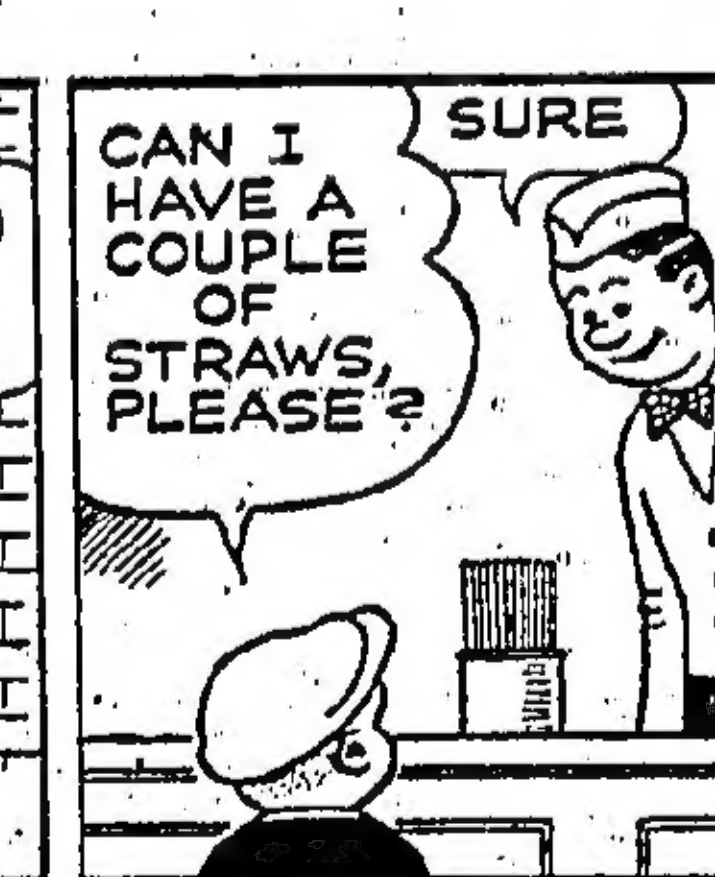
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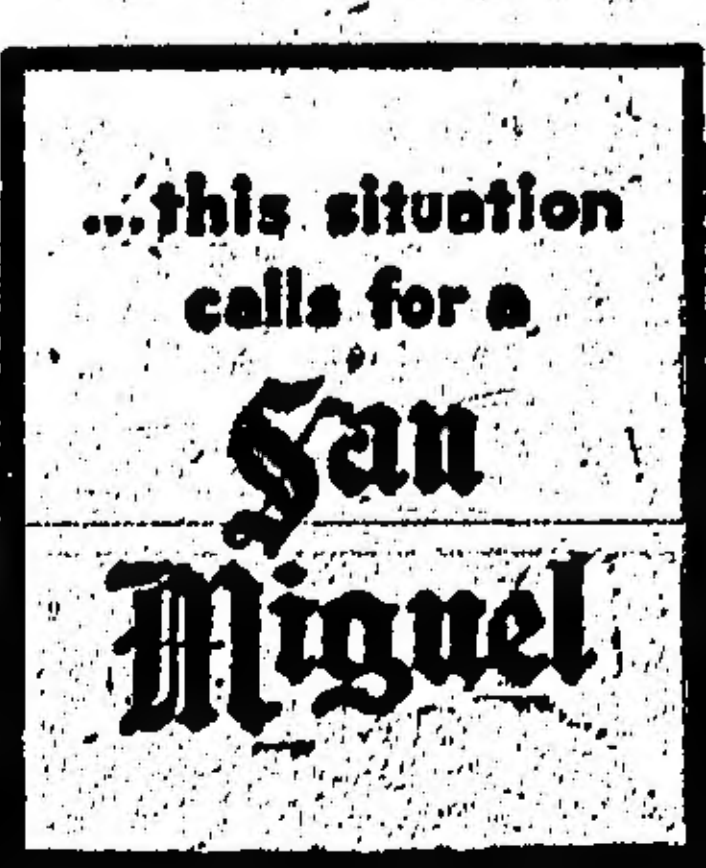
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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

MARKET PAUSES FOR ELECTION

Uranium
Guarantees
Power

Stockholm, May 26. Sweden's uranium deposits supply sufficient raw material for covering the country's requirements of electric power during several thousand years, according to a lecture by Professor Torsten Gustafson at a conference on future social and industrial development in the University town of Lund.

The Swedish uranium resources are found to a large extent in shale deposits of low uranium content but methods have been devised for extracting the important metal chemically, the professor emphasised.

He also recalled that the consumption of electric energy in Sweden doubles about every tenth year. A complete harnessing of the country's total water-power resources would meet the demand for the next 20 years. The world's aggregate deposits of coal and oil will be depleted in about 100 years unless recourse is had to other sources of energy for most of the power output, he said.

World Cotton
Markets

New York, May 26. Cotton futures today drifted aimlessly over narrow limits in the sixth straight session of slow trading. Most traders continued to mark time pending new incentives, either in the crop picture of Washington news or the export subsidy question and farm price legislation.

Most of the trading was professional, with mills, spot interests and speculators on both sides. Liverpool brokers were small sellers of new crop months. Opened unchanged to off 6 points. In noon hour was unchanged to off 4 points.

Trading volumes and open interests in the Exchange today were:

Month	Volume	Open Interest
July	1,700	69,200
Oct.	3,400	481,100
Dec.	17,400	235,900
Mar.	2,100	160,200
May	6,200	233,400
July	7,500	120,100
Total	63,600	2,077,500 bales

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	34.50
July	34.50
Oct.	34.50
Dec.	34.50
Mar.	34.50
May	34.50
July	34.50

NEW ORLEANS

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Spot	34.00
July	34.00
Oct.	34.00
Dec.	34.00
Mar.	34.00
May	34.00
July	34.00

LIVERPOOL

Prices of futures closed today in pence per lb. American middling as follows:

May/June	32.25
July/Aug.	32.25
Oct./Nov.	32.25-37
Dec./Jan.	unquoted
Mar./Apr.	unquoted

SAO PAULO

Future closings, in cruzeiros per kilo were as follows:

July	29.90
Oct.	29.90
Dec.	29.90
Mar.	29.90
May	unquoted

In the United States, the average price of 15 lb middling at 10 designated spot markets was 33.97 cents. Sales at these centres totalled 7,172 bales.—United Press.

New York Sugar
Market

New York, May 26. World No. 4 sugar futures closed unchanged to 1 point lower with sales of 58 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged to 1 point lower with sales of 50 contracts.

Both markets continued quiet and generally steady in company with the raw market. Futures:

Contract No. 4 (world)	33.00
Sept.	33.00
March	33.00
Sept.	33.00
Spot (cents per lb. 100 lbs. C&B)	33.00
Contract No. 6	33.00
July	33.00
Sept.	33.00
Nov.	33.00
Mar.	33.00
Spot (cents per lb. 100 lbs. C&B)	33.00

NEW YORK
STOCK
MARKET

New York, May 26. A sharp spurt in aircraft stock at the close of the market today. It was a session of general advance which lifted prices to their early May levels, not too far from the all time highs set on April 26.

The run-up in aircrafts came on official word from the Air Force that it will step up production on some latest model planes in view of recent Russian air power gains.

Boeing gained 3 1/2 points, Douglas 2 1/2, Lockheed 2 1/2. North American, United, General Dynamics, Gruman, Glen Martin, Republic, picked up a point or more.

Shifting the spotlight with aircrafts were the aluminum shares. Renewed interest in the proposed Bethlehem-Youngstown Sheet and Tube merger put Bethlehem up nearly 5 points.

Chemicals continued in demand. Ralls were strong. Illinois Central was up 1 1/2 and Southern Railway 1 1/2.

Of 1,191 issues traded, 621 were higher, 326 lower. The New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$7,900,000.

The American Stock Exchange volume was \$10,000 shares.

Allied Chemicals 11 1/2
Allied Mills 3 1/2
Allis-Chalmers 7 1/2
American Airlines 27 1/2
American Cyanamid Co. 5 1/2
American Express 49
American Smelting 18 1/2
American Tel. & Tel. 18 1/2
American Tobacco 34 1/2
Anaconda Copper 6 1/2
Armco Steel 7 1/2
Barnhart Brothers 1 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio 46
Bentley Corp. 13 1/2
Bethlehem Steel 65 1/2
Boeing Airplane 65 1/2
Boeing (The) Co. 65 1/2
Case (J. I.) Co. 17 1/2
Case (J. I.) Financial Corp. 4 1/2
Chile Copper 50
Chrysler Motors 7 1/2
Columbia Pictures 4 1/2
Commonwealth Edison 42
Consolidated Steel 25 1/2
Continental Steel 25 1/2
Crown Zellerbach 4 1/2
Cuban American Sugar 1 1/2
Curtis Wright 2 1/2
Dunlop of New York 10 1/2
E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. 40
General Foods 30
General Motors 30 1/2
Gladstone Paper & Pulp 4 1/2
Goodrich (B.F.) Co. 52
Goodrich Tire & Rubber 40
Hormel Meat Packing Co. 40
International Harvester 42 1/2
International Nickel 50 1/2
International Paper 30 1/2
John Hancock Life Ins. Co. 50 1/2
Johns-Manville Co. 10 1/2
Kaiser Aluminum & Chem. 10 1/2
Kaiser Steel Corp. 10 1/2
Kennecott Copper 10 1/2
Liggett & Myers Tobacco 40
Lockheed Aircraft 40
Lorain Industries 40
Lousville & Nashville R. 30 1/2
Minnesota Mining 20 1/2
National Cash Register 20 1/2
National Distillers 20 1/2
New York Central 40 1/2
Olin Industries 40 1/2
Pacific Gas & Elec. 40 1/2
Parke Davis Co. 40 1/2
Phillips Petroleum 40 1/2
Pittsburgh Plate Glass 40 1/2
Radio Corporation 40 1/2
Republic Steel 40 1/2
Shell Oil Co. 40 1/2
Singer Sewing Machine 40 1/2
Southern Vacuum 40 1/2
Southern Railway 40 1/2
Standard Oil of Cal. 40 1/2
Standard Oil of Ind. 40 1/2
Standard Oil of N.Y. 40 1/2
Steelco-Van Camp 40 1/2
Union Carbide 40 1/2
United States Steel 40 1/2
U.S. Gypsum 40 1/2
U.S. Rubber 40 1/2
U.S. Smelting 40 1/2
Warner Bros. 40 1/2
Westinghouse Electric 40 1/2
Weyerhaeuser 40 1/2
Woolworth 40 1/2

LONDON STOCK
MARKET

London, May 26. Pre-election optimism continued in a way on the London Stock Exchange today but there was some cautious profit-taking to temper the rise.

Buying in industrials seemed concentrated on leading issues known to attract a certain amount of American interest. Bowater hit a new peak as the company announced a huge expansion programme here and in the United States.

Imperial Chemicals dipped 6d under some realising. British Government bonds held steady with trading routine.

Foreign issues were inactive, especially the Japanese. German Dawes and Young Loans both gained 2 1/2 and Potash added 2 1/2.—United Press.

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For New Rise
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AT PEAK LEVELS

By A Special Correspondent

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some comes to the Colony because investment opportunities are better here and yields are higher.

But in any case, wherever these funds are turned into shares, the stocks favoured are gilt-edged, like Banks or Unions, or "Blue Chip" utilities and Lands.

Brokers pointed out yesterday that at present most of these categories of shares are well-held, the majority by big local institutions rather than individual small-holders.

This is a favourable pointer to the underlying strength of the market. This is also one reason why there is unlikely to be any sudden crash. And the consensus of opinion in Ice House Street yesterday was that the market had only been making time in the last couple of days before rising to new heights.

Bearish influences will naturally appear again but brokers believe the market will continue to rise "in steps" or gradual stages. Indeed, there would be a good deal of apprehension if prices climbed in one unbroken upward sweep. The most likely consequence in that case could be a drastic crash.

The highlight on "CHIPS". The highlight this week has been chiefly on "Blue Chip" utilities, Banks, Cements and Lands.

On balance, market prices are about steady, but they were all higher earlier in the week.

The best way of illustrating how near shares are to peak levels is to set out a table of some of the more outstanding issues:

	May 24	May 25	Year's High
Banks	102 1/2	107 1/2	110 1/2
Unions	92 1/2	97 1/2	100 1/2
Lands	80 1/2	85 1/2	88 1/2
Tramways	22 1/2	27 1/2	30 1/2
Light	10 1/2	15 1/2	18 1/2
Yamatis	118 1/2	123 1/2	128 1/2
Electric	40 1/2	45 1/2	48 1/2
Telephones	33 1/2	38 1/2	41 1/2
Cements	23 1/2	28 1/2	31 1/2
Farms	23 1/2	28 1/2	31 1/2

Allowance has to be made in the case of those marked "ex alt". A quick caution shows that on a cum alt basis, Banks today would be \$213 1/2, Unions, \$104 1/2, Yamatis, \$173 1/2, Cements, \$48 1/2 and Farms, \$27 1/2. In the case of the other shares not marked "ex alt", all have had dividends deducted since the beginning of the year.

TRUE STRENGTH. This then, gives some indication of the true strength of the market at the moment.

Elsewhere, Wharves appear to be coming back into demand and buyers have pushed prices from \$60 to \$72. Wharves looked like climbing out of the doldrums this week but after rising to \$73 1/2, they slipped back again to the old familiar price to \$71 1/2.

Allied, which passed their dividend last week sold at \$4.85 yesterday. Earlier in the week they sold at \$4.77 1/2. Their net loss was therefore only 10 cents.

Star Ferries have improved from \$134 to \$140 and brokers believe these shares, like Yamatis, will find a higher level in the next few weeks.

The rubber section has been quiet and steady.

CEYLON TEA
AUCTION

Colombo, May 26. After yesterday's tea auction, the prevailing opinion among tea traders today was that despite the Government export subsidy scheme, and on the basis on the price obtained, factory owners will still find it difficult to pay small holders 20 cents a pound for green leaf tea.

The auction cost the Government more than 1,000,000 rupees, according to official estimates, but traders place the cost at more than 2,000,000 rupees since the bulk of the tea fetched prices ranging from 75 cents to one rupee per pound, thus qualifying for the maximum export subsidy of 50 cents a pound.—United Press.

Singapore
Stock Market

Singapore, May 27. Brokers today quoted the following stock prices:

Batu Lintang Rubber Co.	Opening
Lat Pau	\$1.40
British-Borneo Petroleum	71 1/2
Sydney	30 1/2
Consolidated Tin Smelters	26 1/2
Ord	\$1.70
Fraser & Neave Ltd.	71 1/2
Cum. pref.	\$6.50
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp.	\$8.00
Hongkong Tin Ltd.	71 1/2
Kamada	\$1.95
Luna Rubber Estates Ltd.	\$1.95
Malayan Breweries	\$2.50
New Zealand Rubber Co. Ltd.	\$1.30
Petaling Tin Ltd.	\$2.50
Raffles Hotel	\$2.50
Singapore Cold Storage	\$1.75
South British Insurance Co. Ltd.	\$3.00
Strait Trading	\$2.75
Strait Steamship	\$1.50
United Engineers	\$1.00
Wearne Bros.	\$2.70

New York Foreign
Exchange

New York, May 26. Canada 2.75 1/2-2.75 3/4
England-official 2.75 1/2
30-day futures 2.75 1/2
The free market rate of the Japanese Yen to the U.S. dollar as quoted by Pleser World Currency Report: 400.—United Press.

HONGKONG
STOCK
EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$887,157.50. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES		
BANKS	H.K. Bank	1660	20	1670	
East Asia	216				
INSURANCES	Lowland	48 1/2			
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WHEN TAKING STATEMENTS FROM ACCUSED 'POLICEMEN SHOULD KEEP THEIR MOUTHS SHUT' Counsel's Remark In Murder Appeal

A policeman should keep his mouth shut and his ears open. This was what the law books laid down as a guide for police officers dealing with prisoners' statements, Mr Percy Chen contended before the Full Court of Appeal this morning.

Mr Chen attacked the taking of a confession from the first appellant, Yam Kwan-pak, alias Ah Kwan, 20, who with the second appellant, Ho Kwong-tang, alias Ah Tang, 22, were sentenced to death by Mr Justice J. R. Gregg for the murder of PC Lui Shing last December 6.

Both men are appealing before Mr Justice T. J. Gaud and Mr Justice J. Wicks, against their conviction by a jury.

First appellant's grounds of appeal were (1) that the Trial Judge failed to exercise his discretion judicially; (2) that the Trial Judge misdirected himself and admitted evidence which was inadmissible; (3) that the verdict was against the weight of evidence.

The grounds of appeal of the second appellant were (1) that the verdict is unreasonable or cannot be supported by evidence; (2) that the Trial Judge omitted to put the Defence adequately to the jury.

Mr Chen was re-assigned to appear for the first appellant, instructed by Messrs Wilkinson and Grist.

Appearing for the second appellant is Mr W. K. Loo, privately instructed by Messrs Woo and Woo.

The Crown is represented by Mr J. C. McRobert, Crown Counsel.

FOUND GUILTY
PC Lui was stabbed to death in Hinghung playground, the two appellants were found guilty of murder but a third accused, the brother of the first appellant, was acquitted.

According to Mr Chen, the brother of the first appellant was first charged with possession of a knife and was later questioned about the murder of the policeman.

He made a statement about the stabbing which was produced to the first appellant who had already been charged with the murder. The first appellant then made a confession.

Mr Chen submitted that if this confession was induced by means which were not sanctioned in law then it should not be considered by the Court.

1893 PROPOSITION
He quoted a proposition enunciated in 1893 which, he submitted, was good law to the present time. This stated "if a third party makes a statement which is taken down in writing and read over by a constable to a prisoner, neither it, nor the conversation induced by it are admissible in evidence because

it is an attempt by the constable to manufacture evidence, and that he has no right to do."

Mr Chen's contention was that the brother of the first appellant, when he made his statement, was not a co-accused as he had not yet been charged with murder. The brother was, therefore, a third party.

According to Mr Chen, the authorities were clear that a policeman should keep his mouth shut and his ears open. It was his duty to listen to anything that was said, but it was quite another matter that he should put questions to a prisoner. His duty was not to discourage a statement, and certainly not to encourage one.

Mr Chen submitted that it was "fixed law that a policeman must not question a prisoner and if he did the answers were not admissible. But this law presented difficulties in administration and was therefore modified by the Judges' Rules which laid that a prisoner may be asked certain questions provided he is first cautioned that he need not say anything. The Judges' Rules, however, were not enunciated for the purpose of encouraging the questioning of prisoners, Mr Chen submitted.

THE ONLY RULE
Counsel said that Rule 8 was the only rule for guidance of a police officer as regards the putting of a written document before a man who had been charged.

He submitted that if the document put to that man after he had been charged did not conform to the description in the Rules then it was illegal. The only statement which should be put before a man after he had been charged was one made by a co-defendant charged for the same offence.

If the Court held that the Crown was right, then it must find itself in the position of sanctioning the presentation of a statement by a third party to an accused person.

The Court would find itself in the position of having to sanction a recognised practice of the police authorities in Hongkong

of the presentation of unsworn statements in writing of third parties to an accused person in goal on remand, said Mr Chen.

CROSS-EXAMINATION
He argued that the confession of the brother of the first appellant should not have been admitted by the trial judge. The presentation of this statement to the first appellant and the circumstances of the obtaining of his confession amounted to cross-examination of a prisoner which was not allowed under the Judges' Rules.

The appeal is proceeding.



A photograph of the late Sir Gerard Howe.

Death Of Sir Gerard Howe Hongkong's Chief Justice

News of the death of Sir Gerard Lewis Howe, QC, former Chief Justice of Hongkong on Wednesday night, was received this morning.

The late Sir Gerard was appointed Chief Justice of Hongkong in February 1951, succeeding Sir Leslie Gibbon. He was previously the Attorney-General of Nigeria.

Born in Dublin in 1899, Sir Gerard served as an Army officer in the concluding stages of the first World War. Turning to the Bar after the armistice, he established a practice in the United Kingdom before joining the Colonial Legal Service.

He served both on the Bench and as a law officer, in East Africa, West Africa, Malaya and Singapore prior to his terms in Nigeria and Hongkong. He was attached to the Legal Department of Malaya when the Japanese invasion came in 1941.

KC IN 1947
Sir Gerard, who became a KC in 1947 and received his knighthood two years later, left Hongkong for his home in Bullough Castle, Dublin, in April last year. Many of his activities were curtailed in the summer of 1953 because of illness.

Sir Gerard is survived by his widow, Lady Margaret Howe, who was active in the United Nations World Health Organization as the Maternal and Child Health Adviser until recently, and a daughter, 20-year-old Miss Faith Howe, who is a keen equestrian sportsman and well-known in Irish hunting circles.

The full Court will convene tomorrow at 10 a.m. to pay tribute to the late Chief Justice. Mr Hin-shing Lo, First Magistrate Central, observed two minutes silence in his Court this morning for the late Sir Gerard Howe.

Intercepted By KMT Nationalists
Incharran Returns
The 3,539-ton British freighter Incharran, which was intercepted by Nationalist guerrilla forces off Fochow and taken to White Dog Island early this month, returned to Hongkong this morning from China coast ports.

Captain George Angus, master, said there was nothing more to add to what had already been reported.

The Incharran, whose local managers are Messrs Williamson & Co., was fired upon by Nationalists in two motor launches off Fochow on the morning of May 4.

She was boarded and taken to White Dog Island where, she was detained for two days. No cargo or personal property was taken from the ship, which was en route to Shanghai from Fochow at the time.

The Queen's Exequatur, empowering Senhor W. S. Lobato to act as Vice-Consul for Brazil at Hongkong, has received Her Majesty's signature. It was announced in the Government Gazette today.

JURY LISTS
The lists of special jurors and common jurors have been printed. It was announced in the Government Gazette today.

Copies of the lists may be inspected at the office of the Registrar, Supreme Court, during office hours, and may be purchased at the Government Publications Bureau, General Post Office Building. The lists will come into force as from June 11, 1955.

NOVEL SETTLEMENT IN ASSAULT CASE Constable's Donation To Anti-TB Association

The Hongkong Anti-Tuberculosis Association is to benefit by a donation from a traffic constable who admitted assaulting a car driver, it was disclosed at the Victoria District Court this morning.

When a claim for damages by the driver against the constable came up before Judge A. D. Scholes, Mr D. F. O. Mayne, Crown counsel, announced that a settlement had been reached and that he had been instructed by the constable to apologise to the plaintiff.

Plaintiff was Reginald Ki Ho, 31 Robinson Road. He was represented by Mr P. A. L. Vine, of Messrs Deacons.

Mr Mayne represented Chan Sang, P. C. 3983, of Eastern Police Station Traffic Branch. The writ alleged that at 1.15 p.m. on May 17, 1955, defendant stopped private car No. HX358, driven by plaintiff at the junction of Fleming Road and Hennessy Road, and attempted to pull him bodily from the car.

Crown counsel told His Honour this morning that he was instructed to say the parties had arrived at a settlement. His client, he said, had instructed him to admit on his behalf that he wrongfully assaulted plaintiff and in doing so acted without justification.

FULL APOLOGY
"He much regrets any inconvenience caused to plaintiff, and I tender on his behalf his full and unqualified apologies," Mr Mayne went on.

He added that he understood the Commissioner of Police had written a letter to plaintiff apologising for the incident.

The settlement, he continued, provided for payment of a sum of money to a charity nominated by plaintiff.

Counsel for plaintiff said his client was happy to accept the apologies and to confirm them. Plaintiff had accepted the offer of a charity donation by reason of which the Hongkong Anti-Tuberculosis Association would benefit by it in lieu of damages.

CAREFULLY OBSERVED
Mr Vine said he appreciated the Commissioner of Police's act in making prompt enquiries into the matter and his apologies to his client.

"It is satisfying to know that the constitutional safeguards which exist in the British Commonwealth are so carefully observed in this Colony," he added.

The action was accordingly withdrawn. No order was made as to costs.

Bond-drawing On June 15
H.E. the Governor, under the Hongkong Dollar Loan Ordinance, has appointed Wednesday, June 15, as the day on which bonds shall be drawn to the value of one twenty-fifth of the amounts issued, it was announced in the Government Gazette today.

The drawing will be held in the office of the Accountant General, Prince's Building, 100 House Street, at 2.30 p.m.

Fined \$50 For Loitering
Leung Yin-fai, master of motor boat Lee Kee, was fined \$50 by Mr A. G. Parker at the Marine Court this morning for loitering in the Naval Anchorage.

The prosecution said that while patrolling in the Naval Anchorage on May 2, MPC 4933 saw defendant's craft loitering near USS No 577 which was moored at buoy 5. Aware of the approach of the police launch, defendant made off in an attempt to elude the police but was stopped after a short chase.

Leung pleaded he was waiting for an officer on board the American warship for two minutes after he had discharged some sailors to another warship in the vicinity. The officer eventually did not want his boat and while he was returning to Wanchai he was intercepted.

Leung had one previous conviction of a similar offence, the prosecution pointed out.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Alice's husband must be making loads of money—he had to pay so much income taxes they can't afford a trip out here this year!"

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Lonely Josh

JOSH's reward for long years of hard work and decent living amount to this—he has good health, is free to come and go as he pleases, and once a week can draw his old age pension.

Otherwise, memories apart, Josh possesses nothing that he cannot carry in the pockets of his old, worn suit, and he has no relations, no friends.

But if loneliness ever afflicts him, or envy for others whom life has treated better than it has treated him, Josh keeps the trouble to himself, and his serenity shows in his face.

OUTBURST
THE other evening, however, Josh's troubles for a short time got on top of him. There was some provocation, for the time was nearly midnight, and he still had not found a bed to sleep in. Josh is nearer 80 years old than 70.

So, as he hobbled along High Hobson, and saw other people hurrying on their way to homes and beds they could be certain of, Josh let fly with his tongue, stopping every few yards to shout, "I don't give a— for anyone."

A policeman came up and ordered him to stop his shouting. "Where are you making for?" the policeman asked. Josh named a hotel that was quite close, where he hoped to find a bed.

"You'd better get along there," the policeman said.

EJECTED
HE presently saw Josh go into the hotel—and a moment later saw him firmly ejected, either because there was no room or for some other reason.

Josh tried to push his way in again, and set up a roaring and railing that threatened to wake the whole neighbourhood. The policeman arrested him for using insulting words and behaviour.

At Bow Street next morning, Josh pleaded not guilty and sat down to listen to the evidence, a lean, bent man, whose white teeth of half a century and wrinkles made him look like some Victorian print of a working-man.

TESTOTAL
THE policeman told his story, and Josh was invited by the magistrate, Mr Bertram Reece, to ask questions.

"I never used no bad language," Josh said. "Well, the officer said you did," said the magistrate.

"Well, I didn't." "Standards vary, of course," said the magistrate, and turned to the officer. "Had he been drinking," he asked.

"I'm a teetotaler," Josh cried. "I've no money for drink, and if I did have any I'd not spend it that way."

HELPING HAND
HE was shown to the witness box, escorted by the gaoler, who helped him on the way with the tenderness a dutiful son might show towards a frail father.

"I wasn't doing no more last night than walking around looking for a bed," he said.

"You say you didn't use any of that language on the highway?" "No, I didn't."

"Well, you're probably sometimes rather a cantankerous old gentleman," the magistrate said. "But I shall discharge you absolutely. There will be no penalty."

He turned to the probation officer. "Have a word with him, will you?" he said, "and help him a little on his way."

The probation officer nodded, and slipped off in Josh's wake to offer friendship to the old man, who needed that more, perhaps, than all the other things he lacked.

PROMOTION
Petty Officer Telegraphist Wu Chi-tuan, of the Hongkong Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, has been promoted to Probationary Sub-Lieutenant (Sp), it was announced in the Government Gazette today.

Tenders Sought
An invitation for tenders for the completion of the first stage of reclamation at Kung Tong Bay, New Kowloon, was published in the Government Gazette today.

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